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How Fares Roberts?

Landon Disquieted by His Silence and Boer Reports of New Successes.

These Tell That Cronje Largely Reinforced Holds British in Check.

Rumor That First of Buller's Force Have Actually Reached Ladysmith.

London, Feb. 22.—(4 a.m.)—Lord Roberts' list of 49 killed and wounded officers, including two generals, in the engagements up to Sunday evening, causes anxiety, especially as in the officers' list neither the losses of the Welsh and Essex regiments, nor those of the Mounted Infantry included. This is about the number that fell at Colenso where the non-commissioned officers and men brought the total loss to 800. It is considered strange that, when sending his casualties Lord Roberts gives no information as to the result of the fighting. If he has sent such a report the war office is withholding it.

Moreover, nothing is known as to what took place Monday, Tuesday, and yesterday. This absence of details from Lord Roberts' despatch, contrasted with his rather full narratives during the first part of his operations, produces uneasiness among the military observers. All of the comment in the morning papers editorially and critical is threaded with the disturbing suggestion, that despite hard fighting Gen. Cronje has been able to beat off his pursuers, has escaped and is being reinforced by rail from Ladysmith and by forces on foot and horseback from Northern Cape Colony as well as the late besiegers of Kimberley.

As the correspondents with Lord Roberts are silent, the telegrams from Boer sources receive some countenance. The latter avers that Gen. Cronje, while the British were endeavoring to surround him between Paardeberg and Koodoosrand, received reinforcements under De Wet and together the Boer commanders fought the British to a standstill. However, this may be, public opinion here will not be reassured until the war office issues explicit statements of successes, which, of course, would clear away the gathering doubts respecting the uninterrupted success of Lord Roberts' forward movement. No one doubts his ultimate success, but there is a fear of temporary disappointments and that a lot of hard fighting is yet ahead of the British.

The latest report regarding General Buller circulated in the House of Commons last night was that an agent of the DeBeers Company had received a cablegram from Capetown which must have passed the censor to the effect that General Barton's Fusiliers brigade has reached the hills commanding Ladysmith. Quite apart from this however, and from every other rumor, the early relief of the beleaguered garrison is thought inevitable.

Cape Sends A Warning

Boer Supporters in That Colony May Give New Turn to War.

Peril to British Interests Will Not End With Present Military Struggle.

By Associated Press.

London, Feb. 22.—The Capetown correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "It is of the very gravest importance that the British public should not be carried away by recent successes into a belief that the war is practically over. Nothing could be more fatal to a satisfactory prosecution of the war, and above all to a satisfactory settlement of the whole country after the war, than any relaxation of military activity and stoppage of reinforcements and temporizing or bargaining with the Free State or the Transvaal through mistaken ideas of magnanimity toward an assembled beaten foe."

"The highest authorities, the soundest opinion, here say that the war has really only just begun in earnest. Indeed they say that the real struggle will only begin when the present military operations end."

"I have the best reasons for asserting that an attempt is likely to be made by Boer supporters in the Colony to force easy terms for the Free State, now or soon, by holding out a threat of a Dutch rising in the Colony."

"Any idea of leaving the Free State its independence would be fatal to British interests. The British people must not deceive themselves into thinking that it is now only a walk-over. They have a most dangerous, subtle and powerful foe to deal with in more senses and ways than it would be politic to discuss publicly."

"There should be no halting in sending out troops. A quarter million British troops would be none too many. The more we have and the sooner they arrive the quicker will be the end of the war and the surer will be the settlement of the war."

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GOOD TRAITS OF BOERS.

British Medical Officer Commends Their Treatment of the Wounded.

Arundel, Feb. 19.—Capt. Longhurst, of the British medical corps, spent a night at Hebbik's farm, attending the wounded Australians. He says that the enemy were remarkably kind to the wounded, provided them with mattresses and gave them all the fresh eggs they had. The Boer commander and Capt. Longhurst say they had mutual friends in London, and were soon on the best of terms. The Boers and the British wounded fraternized.

Noticing that the bandoliers of the enemy were filled with soft-pointed bullets one of our men said: "You ought not to bring such things to fire at us." The Boer replied: "We must use whatever we can get." This particular Boer contingent was from the northern district of Transvaal, where the Boers are used to hunting big game along the Limpopo. The men had obtained their ammunition for that purpose. One British soldier, though had been shattered, replied to this explanation: "Well, I wish you had been kind enough to shoot me lower down."

After the retirement of the British forces, the Boers held a prayer meeting and thanked Heaven for their successes. Then they separated into small parties and moved to their various outposts, chanting hymns as they went. Capt. Longhurst says he was much impressed by their considerate treatment of the British wounded.

Canadians Slain At Modder

Toronto, Feb. 21.—The Globe has the following from Modder River:

"The Canadian contingent participated in Sunday's battle. We forced the Modder after a night march and were engaged the whole day."

Victorians Killed.
SERGT. W. I. SCOTT.
PTE. A. MAUNDRILL.
PTE. J. H. SOMERS.
PTE. J. TODD.

Victorians Wounded.
Pte. H. Andrews.
Pte. A. C. Beach.
Pte. F. Finch-Smiles.
Pte. R. W. J. Leeman.

Other Western Casualties.
Killed.
PTE. W. JACKSON, Vancouver.

Wounded.
Capt. H. M. Arnold, Winnipeg.
Pte. C. W. Duncalfe, Winnipeg.
Pte. H. McKenzie, Winnipeg.
Pte. H. E. Neibergall, Vancouver.

Pte. C. C. Thompson, Vancouver.

The despatch names also "R. Dixon." That name is not on the Western roll; but Pte. J. H. Dickson, of Nelson, or Pte. W. T. G. Dickson, of Victoria, may be meant.

London Company.
Killed.
Pte. J. Lundrigan, R. C. A.
Pte. R. Smith, 20th Middlesex.
[Also Pte. White. Whether G. White or W. White, both of 21st Essex, not stated.]

Wounded.
Lieut. J. C. Mason, Toronto.
Pte. E. Baugh, R. C. A.
Pte. F. C. Beers, 21st.
Pte. J. B. Corley, 30th Welling.
Pte. J. Day, 20th Middlesex.
Pte. J. Kingswell, R. C. A.
Pte. C. D. McLaren, 7th Fusil.
Pte. A. E. Paddon, 21st Essex.
Lee Corp. Power, R. C. A.
Sergt. G. R. B. Sippi, 7th Fus.
Corp. J. Smith, 22nd Oxford.
Pte. A. H. Wheatcroft, 7th Fus.

"Torarquette" also appears, but is not on roll, and the name indicated cannot be conjectured. "Green" also is mentioned, but whether C. Greene, 20th, or W. J. Green, 25th, is not known.

Toronto Company.
Killed.
Pte. J. H. Findlay, 35th Simcoe.
Pte. W. T. Munton, 10th R. G.

Wounded.
Pte. J. Kennedy, 10th R. G.
Pte. L. McGovern, O. O. R.
Pte. R. H. McLaughlin, R. C.
Pte. M. M. Stewart, O. O. R.
Pte. J. H. Sutton, 13th.
Pte. J. F. Usher, O. O. R.
Pte. W. J. Vanwater, O. O. R.
Pte. S. M. Warde, O. O. R.

Ottawa and Kingston.
Killed.
Pte. Z. R. E. Lewis, N.W.M.P.
Pte. C. E. E. Jackson, 37th.
[Also Pte. Burns, but whether O. T. Burns, 43rd, or R. Burns, G.G.F. G., not stated.]

Wounded.
Pte. J. L. H. Bradshaw, 16th.
Pte. C. P. Clarke, 43rd.
Pte. J. D. Coleman, 43rd.
Pte. C. A. Gibson, 15th.
Pte. A. Macculay, 43rd.
Pte. W. G. Ritchie, 43rd.
Pte. R. R. Thompson, 43rd.

"Balra," included in the cable, cannot be identified from the official list.

Montreal Company.
Killed.
Pte. C. H. Barry. No corps.
Corp. Goodfellow, 5th R. S.
Pte. C. Lester. No corps.
Pte. A. McQueen, 8th R. R.

Wounded.
Pte. J. F. Gorman, 3rd F. B.
Pte. D. F. McGill, R. C. R. I.
Pte. T. Moore, R. C. Hussars.
Pte. W. Melver, 5th R. S.
Pte. G. F. Roberts, 2nd R.C.A.
Pte. A. C. Shaw, 3rd Vics.
Pte. A. P. Thomas, R. C. Huss.
Pte. A. J. Turner, 8th R. R.

New Brunswick and P. E. I.
Killed.
Pte. P. McCreary, 74th.
Pte. R. D. Taylor, Char. Eng.

Wounded.
Pte. A. Haydon, 62nd.
Pte. W. Hunter, 62nd.
Pte. James Johnson, 62nd.
Pte. W. Lane, 82nd.
Pte. J. F. Wayne, 82nd.

"Scott" also in the cable may be Pte. J. B. Scott, R.C.B.I. or Pte. J. Scott, 3rd R.G.A. Gifford in cable cannot be placed.

Nova Scotia Company.
Wounded.
Pte. W. F. Adams, 63rd.
Pte. B. McCallum. No corps.
Pte. W. J. Regan, 68th.
Pte. A. Robertson, 3rd Vics.

Held and Shelled

Cronje Surrounded by the British But Desperately Resisting Surrender.

Prolonged Fighting Held to Indicate That Forces Evenly Balance.

Another Call for Troops to End Campaign Without New Reverse.

By Associated Press.

Capetown, Feb. 21.—A special correspondent of the Cape Argus says: "Gen. Cronje is surrounded at Paardeberg Drift, but is offering a stubborn resistance."

"The British are shelling the Boers vigorously, and expect to capture the whole force."

London, Feb. 22.—The Times editorially says: "The silence of Lord Roberts is susceptible of more interpretations than one, but it certainly indicates that the serious operations in which he is engaged are not yet completed."

Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, reviewing the military situation in the Morning Post says: "Sir Redvers Buller can hardly be expected to follow up the Boer army through the passes, but it is rather surprising that he should have allowed the Boers to make good their retreat from Natal without a desperate effort either to hold them fast or convert their retreat into a rout."

"Lord Roberts probably has 20,000 men available at Paardeberg. A prolonged fight from Friday to Monday seems to argue something like a balance between Gen. Cronje's and Lord Roberts' forces. The question therefore is, which side is able to get the largest immediate reinforcements?"

"The most substantial reinforcements available for Roberts are the divisions now in Natal, but it will take time to move them."

"Would that the Eighth Division had been held ready at Capetown instead of Aldershot. The purpose of the British government is to crush the Boer army, and this purpose implies possession by its commander-in-chief of an assured and growing numerical superiority."

HEAVY LOSS IN OFFICERS.

Lord Roberts Reports the Results of Three Days' Severe Fighting.

Lon, Feb. 21.—The following despatch has been received at the war office from Lord Roberts:

"Paardeberg, Feb. 20.—Between February 16 and 18 Major-General Knox was wounded, Major-General Hector Macdonald severely wounded, and Lieut-Col. Aldworth was killed."

"Other officers killed were Capt. Wardlaw and Newbury, of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry; and Lieuts. McLure, of the Seaforth Highlanders; Courtney, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders; Stordet and Neave, of the Yorkshire Regiment, and Bright and Ball-Aulton, of the Oxford Light Infantry."

Then follows a list of wounded officers including Col. Bowles, of the Yorksire Regiment; Col. Cartwright, of the Black Watch (Royal Highlanders); Capt. H. M. Arnold (dangerous), and Lieut. J. C. Mason (slightly), both of the Canadians.

In the Highland Brigade 16 officers were wounded, including Gen. Hector Macdonald, Major the Hon. H. E. Maxwell, of the Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), brother of Lord Farnham; and Lieut. Akers-Douglas, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, son of the Right Hon. Arthur Akers-Douglas, first commissioner of works. The war office adds no details of the fighting have yet been received. These casualties occurred in fighting near Paardeberg.

Lt-Col. Aldworth commanded the Second battalion of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, and had rendered distinguished service. Major-General Knox commands the Thirtieth Brigade of the Sixth Division. Lt-Col. W. Aldworth, Companion of the Distinguished Order, was born at Carristown, Ireland, and was the eldest son of Col. Robert Aldworth, J.P., of County Cork. He joined the Bedfordshire Regiment in 1874, passed the Staff College in 1884, joined the Burmese expeditionary force in 1885; was at the storming of the Malakand and in the action near Khara, was with the Tirah expeditionary forces 1897-98, and took part in the action at the salpêtre pits, the action at the Argha, the operations against Khana Khel Chankhais, and the operations in the Bazar Valley.

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Mourning for Soldiers Slain

Canadian Premier Sends Words of Sympathy to Her Volunteers' Commander.

Sad News But Nerves Dominion for Full Duty—Col. Prior's Message.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—All flags here are half-masted in respect for the Canadian dead at Modder River. In the Commons Sir Wilfrid Laurier made touching allusion to the wounded and the families of the slain. The news, he said, is such as to confirm Canada's resolve to do her full duty in the present emergency.

Sir Charles Tupper in an eloquent speech, also expressed sympathy and suggested that Sir Wilfrid send a telegram to Col. Otter. The Premier approved and sent a warm message to-night.

Col. Prior has wired Col. Gregory to convey his sincere sympathy to the families of the British Columbia killed and wounded.

Up to a late hour no official news of the casualties had been received.

THE SLAIN VOLUNTEERS.

Western Ontario Moved by Heavy Share in the List of Casualties.

London, Ont., Feb. 21.—The Globe's special despatch from the front giving the names of those of the Canadian first contingent who fell in Sunday's fighting, was repeated to the local papers here and created intense excitement. Extra editions of the evening journals were all issued.

Private J. E. Donegan was the third son of P. D. Donegan, a locomotive fireman in the C. P. R. round-house in this city. Donegan's parents had no news from the front, and were completely overcome when informed of their son's death.

Private Robert Smith, whose name appears among the list of killed, was the son of William Smith, of 807 Adelaide street. He is well known in London.

Private White, of Windsor, was 20 years of age. He belonged to the 21st Essex Fusiliers at the time of enlistment in the first contingent. He was the only son of Joseph White, Chatham street, and Sol. White, ex-M. P., is an uncle. His father, mother and one sister survive.

Gordon White, son of Robert White, is another Windsor boy with the contingent, and it is possible the despatch refers to him. Both are well known in London.

BRUTALITY AT MAFKING.

Boers Continue to Make Victims of Defenceless Women and Children.

London, Feb. 22.—The Daily Mail prints the following from Mafeking, dated Tuesday, February 20:

"The houses in the women's laager are riddled with bullets, notwithstanding the Boer promises. A woman who was standing with a sucking child was shot through the breast while among four hundred women and children. An explosive 94-pound shell burst in the laager, a piece fixing itself in the spine of a nine-year-old boy. The explosive caused blood-panic, and he lingered several days in agony."

Lorenzo Marques, Feb. 21.—An official report received from Col. Baden-Powell of the occurrences in Mafeking up to February 3 concludes as follows:

"Gen. Symonds, in reply to a letter complaining of the deliberate shelling of the women's and children's laager, offered no excuse or apology, and by transparent falsehood admits he ordered the shelling. I have told him that I have now established temporary premises for the prisoners in the women's laager and hospital in order to protect them from deliberate shelling."

TROOPSHIP FROM HALIFAX.

Mounted Rifles and Artillerymen Constituting Fourth Shipload of Canadians.

Halifax, Feb. 21.—(Special)—The transport Milwaukee, the fourth steamer to leave Canada for the Cape with Canadian volunteers for service in South Africa, sailed from the dockyards here at 5:30 this evening, with the First Battalion Canadian Mounted Rifles and the Kingston Artillery, about 600 in all, besides several special service officers.

Chaplain W. G. Lane, Lieut. Mott and about 30 men of the Second Battalion of Rifles left behind from the Pomeranian, and the New Brunswick Artillerymen, also left behind from the Pomeranian, went by the Milwaukee.

The special service officers included Lieut.-Col. Gordon, D. O. C., Montreal, and Lieut. John A. Macdonald, of the 82nd Battalion.

Lord Seymour and Minister Borden bade farewell to the men.

GEN. BULLER'S PROGRESS.

Fifth Division Again Across Tugela After Driving Boer Rear Guard.

London, Feb. 21.—The war office has received the following from Gen. Buller:

"Cheveley Camp, Feb. 21. The Fifth Division crossed the Tugela to-day by pontoon and drove back the Boer rear guard, our naval twelve-pound shelling all of the enemy's guns."

MACRUM AND HIS MAIL.

Erratic Ex-Consul Insists That American Official Envelopes Were Opened.

New York, Feb. 20.—Chas. E. Macrum, formerly United States consul at Pretoria, who is now in Washington, has, according to a despatch from that city, added to his testimony that the British opened his letters, by publicly showing some of the mail, which he claims was opened.

Macrum has several envelopes, bearing the British sticker applied to the envelope after it had been opened by the censor. He has one envelope which contained mail matter from Consul-General Stowe at Capetown. It is regulation blue of the consular service. It bears upon its face the legend, "United States consular service," and a stamp, "Mail suspended." On the reverse side is the United States government seal impressed upon the red sealing wax of the consular service. The British sticker revealing the letter after it had been opened, bears the letters "V.R." also the initials of the clerk who opened the letter, and the name of the place where it was opened. This letter was mailed at Capetown on October 4 by Consul-General Stowe. It was held there one month, apparently, for the next post mark is that of Durban, November 4. From Durban it was sent to Pretoria.

It is also claimed that the British authorities were familiar with the American consular code.

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NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Queen's Message to Canadian Troops—Command of the Blesley Team—Rifle Practice.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—Mr. McInnes to-day introduced a bill to debar Chinese and Japanese from working in the mines. A cable received by Lord Minto this morning from London said: "Her Majesty the Queen appreciates the enthusiastic loyalty of Canada and wishes the troops Godspeed and a safe return." (Signed) Chamberlain. This cable is doubtless in regard to the departure of Canadian troops to-day from Halifax.

Col. Prior occupied the chair at the Dominion Rifle association meeting to-day. Col. Gibson was re-elected president and all the vice-presidents for the different provinces were re-elected. Lt. Col. Delamere, of Toronto, will likely be appointed in command of the Blesley team. The general opinion expressed at the meeting was that the militia should get more practice at longer ranges.

BOER PRODIGES.

Official Reports Still Tell How With Trifling Loss They Drive the British.

Pretoria, Feb. 19.—A portion of an official report from Cronje, dated Feb. 18, has been given out as follows:

"Yesterday morning about 6 o'clock, while removing the larger near Scholtz'snek we were attacked by the British. The fight lasted until 7:30 in the evening. Although on the whole the British were driven back, they each time repulsed the attack. The loss to the British must have been considerable. There for the Boer loss has been 8 killed and 12 wounded. This morning the British shelled with cannon. Chief Commandant Ferreira's forces were too small to stop the cavalry from entering Kimberley."

Pretoria, Feb. 20.—Official reports have been received as follows:

"Commandant Steyn says on Saturday, 17th, and Sunday, 18th, near Koodoersdorp, he fought the British who tried to encamp near Cronje's laager and drove them off. They fought until late Sunday evening. The Boers had one man killed and one wounded, and captured one body and 21 horses and mules. Gen. DeWet says on Sunday afternoon he arrived between Paardberg and Koodoersdorp, in which direction there had been heavy firing since morning. He stormed several kopjes which the British vacated, leaving their dead and wounded and 40 prisoners in the hands of the Boers, who captured the kopjes. The Boer loss was two men killed and four wounded. The fight lasted until late in the evening."

London, Feb. 21.—A curious despatch from Pretoria, dated Tuesday, 20th, announces that Commander Ferreira was killed on February 19, adding that his death was believed to be the result of an accident.

Cronje probably has with him, besides the original force of 10,000, 8,000 invaders of Cape Colony, some of whom were of the command that fought Clements at Colesberg, while others were at Stormberg. According to authorities the Free Stateers who are moving from Cronje's ranks, if indeed 10,000 more to Cronje's ranks, they are able to join him.

WHAT THE BOERS SAY.

Admit Rout From Kimberley With Loss of Guns, but Protest That Siege Is Re-established.

London, Feb. 22.—The Daily Mail has the following from Lorenzo Marques, dated February 21:

"Boer newspapers dated February 19 report that Dewet won a 'brilliant victory' over the British troops at Modder River."

"Gen. Dutoit reports being defeated by the British cavalry column which got into Kimberley, and then retreated to River-ton, 16 miles north of Kimberley, with all his guns lost and seven men killed."

"According to the same paper Gen. Cronje succeeded in getting through a message to Kofffontein with the news that he is holding all his positions, and that the Boer cordon is around Kimberley again."

London, Feb. 22.—The Times has the following from Lorenzo Marques, dated February 21:

"According to a Boer account Gen. Dewet claims to have captured, in an attack upon the rear guard of Gen. French's column, 180 wagons of provisions and ammunition, 2,800 oxen and 58 men."

This report is doubtless another version of the Boer story regarding Dewet's capture of the Riet River convoy.

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NO COLONIAL RISING.

London, Feb. 22.—A despatch to the Times, dated Dradeck, February 19, says: "It is believed that all danger of a colonial rising is at an end."

A WISE MINISTER.

London, Feb. 22.—The Valparaiso correspondent of the Times says that the United States minister to Chili, Mr. Henry L. Wilson, congratulating the British minister, Mr. Audley C. Gosling, on the British successes in South Africa, described them as "a gain for the world and civilization."

A MILL BURNED.

Pawtucket, R.I., Feb. 19.—The old Ingraham mill, situated on the east bank of the Pawtucket river, near the East Providence line, was destroyed by fire early today, with a loss of about \$140,000 to the Chariton Manufacturing Insurance Co. The insurance is \$120,000.

A FAMILY CREMATED.

Frederickton, N. B., Feb. 21.—Edward Lawrence, of Lakeville Corners, Carleton county, with his wife and three children, was burned to death early this morning, the roof of their burning dwelling falling while they slept.

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THE BOERS' WEAK POINT.

Their Clinging to Defensive Tactics Not Admired by German Critic.

Berlin, Feb. 20.—The Militaire Wochenblatt, in the course of an article by a high officer of the general staff, attempting to disprove the view that the Boer successes have been due to their tactical defensive skill, says: "On the contrary the recent Boer successes prove the inefficiency of their defensive, since an energetic offensive would in like circumstances have released the Boer corps guarding the defeated corps of General Buller, Lord Methuen and General White, for delivering a crushing blow to the British."

"Without such a bold, offensive, the Boers will never again win a decisive victory, or accomplish more than a half measure."

The writer then reviews in detail the engagements in South Africa and makes out a strong case for his contention.

THE IRONY OF FATE.

Clever Maker of Kimberley's Own Gun Victim of a Boer Shell.

London, Feb. 21.—A despatch to the Standard from Modder River, dated Monday, February 19, and describing the relief of Kimberley, says that the maker of the gun which "Long Cecil" at the DeKleers workshops was an American named George Labram, who was afterwards killed by a Boer shell which fell in his room at the Grand hotel.

The correspondent confirms the report that the escort with the British convoy at the Riet river was reinforced and made an unsuccessful attack on the Boers in the rear. He says that Lord Roberts then ordered the wagons to be abandoned.

SUSPICIOUS OF AMERICANS.

Suggestion in French Press That They Are Seeking to Gain Martinique.

Paris, Feb. 17.—An unpleasant feature of the comments of the French press on the situation in Martinique was an attempt by a sensational journal to embroil America in the matter by accusing her of secretly fomenting the insurrection in order to eventually assert herself with a view to taking the islands from France. This paper declared that colored emissaries paid by the United States had been working for years past to undermine French influence in Martinique, but that movement had taken an active form since the American acquisition of Porto Rico. Not only Martinique but Guadeloupe also, it asserted, has been a field for secret agitators. The object of this journal in this respect was obviously an underhand drive at the government which it sought to represent as neglecting colonial interest for the sake of devoting attention to the campaign against the army and the church. That these assaults on America have in not wise come from the government, is shown by the fact that at the ministry of the colonies at which the correspondent of the Associated Press called attention to this publication, the statement was authorized that the government utterly repudiated these allegations for which so it was aware there was absolutely no foundation.

The correspondent of the Associated Press here also interviewed M. DuGuesnay, the deputy from Martinique, who has been the leading adviser of the chamber in the debate on Martinique, and who is bitterly opposed to the present island administration. He said: "You can say for me that I am kept fully informed of events in Martinique, that I have never heard of any such machinations on the part of American emissaries and I do not believe such reports. The only possible ground for them was the recent visit made by an American cruiser to the shores of Martinique for the purpose of taking soundings, but we at no time had any political intention whatever to this."

Thus it will be seen that neither the government nor those most concerned in the interests of the island countenance in any way this unwarranted attack.

REFINERIES STARTING UP.

Philadelphia, Feb. 19.—The Spreckels sugar refinery, owned by the American Sugar Refining Co., which has been closed since last Monday, started up to-day on full time. One thousand men were brought back to work returned to their places.

The McMahon refinery, not controlled by the American Sugar Refining Co., which has also closed, will resume operations next week. The shut down was occasioned by the regular annual stock taking.

BORN.

GRICE—On Saturday, 17th inst., the wife of J. E. Grice, of a son.

DIED.

REYNOLDS—On the 23rd of January, at Paris, Mexico, W. E. Reynolds, aged 23 years.

ACKERMAN—In this city on the 21st inst. of Col. Newton Montross, youngest son of J. W. and M. E. Ackerman, aged 10 months.

The funeral will take place from the family residence, corner of Michigan and PARRY streets, on Friday, February 23, at 2:30 p.m. Friends will please accept this intimation.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore subsisting between us, the undersigned, as Coal and Wood Dealers, in the City of Victoria, has been dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing to the said partnership are to be paid to J. A. Russell, of Victoria, and all claims against the said partnership are to be presented to the said J. A. Russell, by whom the same will be paid. Dated at Victoria, this 17th day of February, A.D. 1900.

Witness: E. E. Wootton.

J. A. RUSSELL

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

Notice is hereby given that all Creditors and other persons having any claims or demands against the said Estate are required to send in particulars of their claims or demands to the undersigned, on or before the 28th day of February next.

Dated at Victoria, B.C., this 13th day of February, A.D. 1900.

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Solicitors for the Administrators, John Saunders Nesbitt, 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023, 1024, 1025, 1026, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030, 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036, 1037, 1038, 1039, 1040, 1041, 1042, 1043, 1044, 1045, 1046, 1047, 1048, 1049, 1050, 1051, 1052, 1053, 1054, 1055, 1056, 1057, 1058, 1059, 1060, 1061, 1062, 1063, 1064, 1065, 1066, 1067, 1068, 1069, 1070, 1071, 1072, 1073, 1074, 1075, 1076, 1077, 1078, 1079, 1080, 1081, 1082, 1083, 1084, 1085, 1086, 1087, 1088, 1089, 1090, 1091, 1092, 1093, 1094, 1095, 1096, 1097, 1098, 1099, 1100, 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104, 1105, 1106, 1107, 1108, 1109, 1110, 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1117, 1118, 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122, 1123, 1124, 1125, 1126, 1127, 1128, 1129, 1130, 1131, 1132, 1133, 1134, 1135, 1136, 1137, 1138, 1139, 1140, 1141, 1142, 1143, 1144, 1145, 1146, 1147, 1148, 1149, 1150, 1151, 1152, 1153, 1154, 1155, 1156, 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Nine out of twenty-six, and there is reason to think it may have been nine out of twenty-four, because two of Victoria's contingent were reported to be on duty elsewhere: This is the record of Victoria's boys on the occasion of their first encounter with the foe. Four dead, five wounded. If the list of casualties is any test of the fierceness of the fight and the courage of those taking part in it, though the flags throughout the city may fly at half-mast, and sorrow may be in all our hearts, there is every reason why we should be proud of the gallant lads who fought for the Empire. They must have been in the thick of the fight and not have flinched under their first baptism of fire.

Many of us thought, when we bade the boys good-bye on that memorable Sunday night, and not a few of us said that they were going out only as an object lesson, and would have no need to do any fighting. We cheered them and when Sergeant Scott came forward to receive a good-bye greeting, it seemed as though we had never cheered before. The gallant fellow sleeps his last sleep on the banks of the Modder, one of the first of Canada's heroes to die for a United Empire. Not many of us knew Todd, Somers and Maudrell so well; but when we saw them ready to march, our hearts went out to them, as to brave fellows who had promptly answered their country's call. They did all they could. They gave all they had. They died for the Empire. The greatest, the most illustrious could do no more.

The five whose names are amongst the wounded are all well known in the city, and there is great sympathy for them. It may cheer them in their convalescence to know what a flood tide of sorrow swept over Victoria when the news of the day's casualties was made known. Everyone seemed to realize at once what was meant. For the first time it was brought home to us in its dread reality.

Naturally when speaking of this first contribution of Canadian blood for the cementing of the Empire, our thoughts turn to the boys from our own city upon whom so much of the burden fell, but we must not lose sight of the fact that of the Royal Canadians engaged at Modder river, nineteen fell dead and sixty were wounded. Yesterday morning's dispatches told how a group of twenty men from Australia fell fighting, every man of them preferring death to surrender. A few days ago we read of the fate of some gallant New Zealanders. The affairs of the Empire can never again be as they have been. The sons of England, of Ireland, of Scotland, of Canada, of Australia, of New Zealand, of South Africa have fought side by side for the flag and the Empire, have fallen upon the same battlefield and lie buried as if in a common grave. At last we are one. At last we have something more than common traditions and a common language to bind us together. We have a new achievement in common. We have new glories to share. We walk side by side in the shadow of the same sorrows.

THE WAR.

The wisdom of the original plan of campaign in South Africa has been shown by recent events. Kimberley has been relieved and Ladysmith will be in a few days; and the relief has been what we called "automatic" a few weeks ago, when speaking of the probability of its taking place. The invasion of the Free State by a strong force compelled the withdrawal of the Boer forces from their positions on our territory. Some may ask why the plan was not adhered to in the first place, but there is a good reason for its temporary abandonment. The original plan of the Boers contemplated a rising of the Dutch in Bechuanaland and Cape Colony and the rapid conquest of Natal. Even if Gen. White had not been hemmed in at Ladysmith, it would have been necessary to despatch a force to Natal strong enough to hold Joubert in check. Gen. Methuen's advance on Kimberley was not solely for the relief of that town, but to drive the enemy out of Northern Cape Colony, which he had annexed with all formality; Gen. Gatacre's mission in Eastern Cape Colony was of the same nature. The rapid invasion of our territory determined the nature of our operations at the beginning of the war, and we have only been able lately to change the conditions thus created, and put the original plan into execution. As soon as Lord Roberts was able to invade the Free State, the automatic relief of Kimberley at once took place, although there was some sharp fighting; and that of Ladysmith began simultaneously. At the same time the pres-

sure on Eastern Cape Colony was relieved.

It is hardly necessary to be a military expert to realize that if the Boer forces are massed anywhere within their own country, some heavy work will be necessary before they are overthrown. This has been expected at all times since the war began, but we believe our forces will be equal to the work in hand. The information available as to the movements of our troops is very meagre, and conclusions drawn from it will very likely have to be recast almost immediately.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

The unique political conditions now existing in this province call for treatment along lines very different to those that have been followed on any previous occasion. The government has an uncertain majority of one, only because Dr. McKechnie persists in sitting and voting although an action is pending against him for a penalty for doing so, and although the Attorney-General has declined to advise the house that he believes him entitled to a seat. The government so situated is about to pass a redistribution bill and will ask the Lieutenant-Governor to allow them to appeal to the country upon it. Report has it that if they succeed in carrying redistribution they will endeavor to have the house prorogued before any other business can be transacted. It is said that when this is done, Mr. Semlin will retire and Mr. Cotton will be called on to form a government, which he will do and then appeal to the people.

It is impossible that the Lieutenant-Governor can remain passive while such a programme is being carried out, and discharge his duty as the constitutional custodian of the prerogatives of the crown. In 1898 Lieutenant-Governor Melnes undertook to form an independent judgment on the political situation created by the elections, and to get upon it. The conclusion, which he reached, was that neither of the parties in local politics had a majority of the members-elect, and he thereupon relieved Mr. Turner from office and sent for Mr. Beaven. The right of the Lieutenant-Governor to form an independent judgment on such a matter cannot be denied, but he can only exercise that right upon the condition that he shall find a minister, who will accept the responsibility. This responsibility Mr. Beaven accepted, but owing to his inability to form a cabinet was not called upon to defend it. The responsibility then devolved upon Mr. Semlin, who has accepted it but never defended it upon the grounds put forward by the Lieutenant-Governor in his correspondence with his dismissed ministry. Numerous precedents can be cited from the books showing the right of a lieutenant-governor to utilize all sources of information bearing on public affairs and form his own conclusions, but we need go no further than our own legislature and no further back than last year. In the session of 1899, Mr. Joseph Martin, speaking for the present government on February 23, said:

"The Lieutenant-Governor is bound to take cognizance of all the facts as they come to his knowledge—facts presented to him, as they are to every one else, by means of newspapers and other sources of information."

In case the ministry as at present constituted may repudiate the utterances of Mr. Martin, we may quote Mr. Semlin, who said:

"But the Lieutenant-Governor here had watched very closely the trend of public events. He well knew of the exertion of the late government to retain power."

We can ask nothing more than Mr. Semlin here claims in his own behalf, and we hold that he cannot escape the consequences of this doctrine when it is applied to himself. When he goes to the Lieutenant-Governor, asking for a dissolution, he may expect His Honor to say to him: "I have watched very closely the trend of public events, and I know of the exertions you have made to remain in power. I know that you would have been defeated several times in the present session, if it had not been for Dr. McKechnie's vote, and I know that grave doubt exists whether Dr. McKechnie has any right to sit and vote in the house. I know that you cannot claim to have the confidence of the majority of the legislature, for I can read the newspapers just as well as you can, and I know what has been going on just as well as you do. I know that you have abandoned every measure indicated in my speech from the throne, and that you have introduced the Redistribution Act under pressure from a member, whom you drove from the cabinet. Under these circumstances I decline to accept your advice, and must ask you to retire from office." If the Lieutenant-Governor should say this Mr. Semlin would have no right to object, and the people would unquestionably endorse it.

The Lieutenant-Governor must see, as every one else sees clearly enough, that the whole business of the country is being brought to a standstill, while Mr. Semlin and his colleagues scheme for office. It is plain beyond all possibility of misunderstanding that the active business of legislation has been suspended since Thursday last, although there are many bills and resolutions ready to be proceeded with, solely in order that the government may put up some kind of a job whereby they can escape defeat at the hands of the house. They dare not let their measures come up for discussion, they dare not give the house an opportunity of expressing itself on a question of confidence. They hope to be able to get through a bill, which will so alter the distribution of representation that they can retain power after an election, which is a confession

that they do not possess the confidence of the house, and the Lieutenant-Governor is asked to prostitute his exalted office for the purpose of enabling them to play the game of politics with loaded dice. We utterly decline to believe that he will do so, but feel certain that he will insist that his present advisers shall give place to men in whom he and the country can have confidence.

The Colonist extends to the families and friends of those Royal Canadians who fell at Modder river its heartfelt sympathy in their sorrow.

The word "not" was omitted from an editorial in yesterday's Colonist in which reference was made to Mr. Paterson. The sentence as written read: "If Mr. Paterson is not behind the enterprise, then no one is who can pretend to be able to carry it through." As printed the sentence had no meaning at all.

The first cold water to be thrown on the Island railway project came from the Victoria city council, which refused to appropriate \$200 to pay the expenses of obtaining signatures to a memorial as requested by the public meeting. The aldermen who opposed the appropriation were Messrs. Yates, Stewart, Beckwith, Brydon and Cameron. This is not very encouraging, but it will not stop the agitation for the road in the slightest particular.

While no one will object seriously to the adjournment of the house yesterday as a token of sympathy with those who fell at Modder River, we think it just as well to say that it was proper only because this was the first occasion on which it has ever become necessary to do anything of the kind. Hereafter we must take these things as a matter of course. This is a part of the responsibility of empire.

One gentleman last evening offered the Colonist \$20 as a contribution to a fund for the relief of the Victoria boys wounded at Modder River, and a correspondent writes that something should be done in this direction. Something will be done without a doubt, but perhaps it may be well to wait for additional news as to the necessities of the case. The Citizens' Patriotic Committee will doubtless take the matter up.

The action of the United States Consul in flying his flag at half-mast yesterday, in recognition of the sorrow felt by our citizens over the loss of their brave boys, was very highly appreciated. We do not mistake the meaning of the act. It was that of a whole-souled man, who felt that as a representative of a great and friendly nation, his flag ought not to be at the top of the mast, while all the others in the city were lowered. Consul Smith has added to his circle of friends and deepened the esteem in which he is held by this very courteous and sympathetic act.

The Times does not appear to appreciate the dignity of the newspaper profession. We printed yesterday the amounts paid by the federal government to certain newspapers, expressing at the same time the opinion that they were not large. The object of the paragraph was to disabuse the public mind of the notion that governments secure the support of newspapers by the lavish use of patronage. The Times seeks to create the impression that this may formerly have been the case, if it is not so now. It never was the case, and the Times knows it never was.

The dinner and reunion of Eastern Canadians, which was to have been held at the Dallas hotel last night, was postponed as a mark of sympathy with the Victoria boys—dead and wounded at Modder river. Upwards of seventy-five tickets had been sold and as more were asked for the attendance would have reached nearly if not quite one hundred. The dinner will be paid for, so that the proprietress of the hotel will not be the loser. The Colonist is requested to say that if any of the ticket holders wish their money refunded, they can get it by applying to the person from whom they bought the ticket, the committee undertaking to make up any shortage in the bill that may thereby be occasioned. Another date will be fixed for the affair, which would have been a great success, if held last night under other circumstances.

Letters to The Editor

STRANGE POLITICAL CONDITIONS.

Sir: The condition of affairs over James Bay causes one to ask one's self if we are to-day living under constitutional government in British Columbia. The actions of the Semlin government are such as to lead one to believe they are playing a bold game, and by the introduction and passage of the redistribution bill to play a game of loaded dice.

They have been in session nearly eight weeks and no bill of importance has been carried through. Now when they cannot carry on the business of the country—even with the casting vote of the Speaker—they resort to subterfuge, such as I may say is their form of action and proposed legislation.

Can there be anything more unfair and unjust to allow a government which has been holding on for weeks by the vote of one man and many times the vote of the Speaker, to be allowed to introduce a gerrymander scheme and let all the important business of the country, including the supply, to go, in order that they may fortify themselves in office? Yes, the game is a bold one; but I for one do not think His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor will allow such an outrage to be perpetrated on the people. Surely it cannot be so.

Constitutional government is not based on such actions. No greater crime could be committed on the people of this country than to have the fundamental principles of our government trampled upon for the sake of party ends.

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New York, Feb. 19.—Lady Randolph Churchill has called to Mrs. Cornelia Adair, now in this city, saying that the American hospital ship Maine, now at Durban, Natal, is nearly full of sick and wounded. The cable says that the most difficult cases are sent to the hospital ship, owing to the excellence of her arrangements. The ship has many Irish soldiers on board from the Dublin Fusiliers and also men from the 13th, 14th and 18th Hussars, the Rifle Brigade, the West Yorks and the Fifth Lancers. Lady Churchill says the staff are all hard at work and that all is satisfactory on board the ship.

How can the British trooper bold
 Defeat the wily Boer,
 Unless he tones his system up
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NO HINT AT MEDIATION.

London, Feb. 19.—Inquiries in official circles here confirm despatches from the Associated Press showing there is no truth in the information contained in the Paris despatch that President McKinley has sounded the British ambassador as to how an offer of mediation in the South African war on the part of the United States would be received by Great Britain. It is said in highest official circles here that Secretary Hay understands Great Britain would not consider any such proposition.



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By Mr. Napier Denison.

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Time.	Height above zero	Time.	Height above zero
1:30 a.m.	7.8 feet.	2:30 a.m.	8.1 feet.
6:50 a.m.	8.2 feet.	7:20 a.m.	8.2 feet.
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Committee to Meet.—The committee who have in charge arrangements for the patriotic concert to be given by the Daughters of St. George on the 23rd inst. will hold a special meeting on Friday evening next.

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Donation to Hospital.—The thanks of the directors of the Jubilee hospital are extended to W. Atkins, who yesterday forwarded a check for \$10 to the treasurer for the benefit of the hospital.

Regina vs. Holland.—The trial of Regina vs. Holland, a case stated, was opened in the Supreme court yesterday. The defendant is W. S. Holland, of the firm of B. J. Holland & Co., Vancouver, who was convicted before Police Magistrate Russell in that city with canvassing for the Equity Fire Insurance Co., a company not authorized by either the Dominion or Provincial acts to do business in the province. The trial will be continued on Monday.

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Savoy Theatre.—This popular home of amusement has been crowded to the doors each night this week, and justly so, for a better vaudeville bill has never been presented in the city. The programme opens with a very laughable comedy produced by those clever farceurs, Post and Ashley. Among the performers are Frank Morris, a rival of Sandow, who is ably assisted by his charming wife. They present some wonderful feats of strength. The Misses Rogers and Adair, two beautiful singers, also make their initial appearance this week. Miss Dickie Woodford, a lady direct from the leading English music halls, has jumped into popular favor at once. Ethel Lynwood has, by general request, been re-engaged for this week only. Post and Ashley, the kingpins of comedy, nightly gain the plaudits of the large audiences. The balance of the company remain as popular as ever; in fact those who have not already had the good fortune of seeing the show should not miss the opportunity.

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In the Police Court.—Before Magistrate Hall yesterday, Wing Chang Ling, charged with an infraction of the Sunday by-law, was remanded until this morning. The Chin Wing porcupine case was also adjourned till this afternoon.

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Concert and Magic Lantern.—The following is the programme for the entertainment this evening in Odd Fellows' hall, Spring Ridge, in aid of the Twentieth Century Fund of St. Barnabas church:

Instrumental Mr. Jesse Longfield
Song Mr. W. Calvert
Reading Ven. Archdeacon Scriven
Song Mrs. Adams
Cello Solo Master Bertie Foot
Song (in costume) Mr. E. E. Wootton
Song A young ladies' Quartet
Solo (cornet) Master J. Rausch
Song Miss Stoddart
Magic lantern exhibition of 45 views.
Instrumental Mr. J. Longfield
Song—"Powder Monkey"—Rev. E. G. Miller
"God Save the Queen."

Temperance Hall Concert.—Next Saturday evening in Temperance hall will be a red letter night in connection with the popular concert held there every Saturday night.

The programme is in the hands of Mr. J. G. Brown, and as it is "gentleman's night," only members of the male sex will be allowed to take part in any capacity that evening.

Mr. Brown has secured the assistance of the best talent the city affords, among whom are the following: Messrs. H. Kent, W. H. Barton, A. Brownlie, Major Moyle, Mr. R. Rogers, Rev. Mr. Flinton, Rev. Mr. Harcourt, A. Semple, J. Stewart, J. Brooks, Mr. Lively, J. Gordon, E. Bantley, and Mr. J. G. Brown. From the foregoing array of talent a programme of unequalled excellence should be produced, and the capacity of the hall will no doubt be tested. Considerable rivalry exists between the ladies and gentlemen as to which shall give the best programme and have the largest attendance. At this concert Mr. Brown will sing a song composed by Mr. Bantley entitled "Sons of the Empire," and "When Next We Meet," composed by Mr. W. H. Barton, both local musicians of note.

THE PORT ANGELES RAILWAY.

President Cushing Gone East and Work Likely to Begin.

The following from the Port Angeles Tribune-Times indicates that the Port Angeles Eastern railway project is about to become a reality:

"By a telegram received Saturday, President Cushing and General Agent Shute, the only officers and members of the P. & E. railway corporation remaining in the city, were called at once to Boston and requested to bring the corporation seal, supposedly for the purpose of closing the final details of the bond sale, signing documents and receiving the final payment of funds for prosecuting immediate work."

Messrs. Cushing and Shute left on Monday morning, taking with them the aforementioned seal, and are about now arriving at "the Hub." In their absence and in the lack of any further explanation of their sudden call to Boston, where the financial negotiations have been in progress for long a time, there is naught left to the newspapers but speculation, and while speculating we may as well speculate happily.

"It is believed by everyone in a position to know anything at all about the company's affairs that a final agreement has been reached with the people who are to put up the money for the \$2,000,000 of P. & E. bonds, and that this last movement on the part of the officials means the signing, sealing and delivering of the goods. In short there is little doubt that this is the status of affairs, and that a few more days, or at least weeks, of waiting will bring the announcement of good news that is good news."

When taken at the proper time a little Jesse Moore "AA" whiskey will prevent a cold.

FROM THE FRONT.

Letter From One of the Victoria Contingent in South Africa.

The following is an extract from a letter to Hon. C. F. Cornwall from his son, Temple Cornwall, who is at the front with the Victoria boys. The letter is dated January 2. "We spent Christmas very quietly, got a few extras in the grub line, such as fruit, etc., and also 7 chickens amongst 120 men. It is beautifully cool after sunset till sunrise, but then the heat is fearful. Summer weather in B. C. is quite cool to what it is in this part of the world. I was out on outpost duty the other day; we were out on an open flat and no shade whatever. You cannot imagine the discomfort. Considering the work and discomfort we meet with the men are in good spirits, at any rate such is the case with the Victoria contingent, and all are in good health. There are three companies of the Cornwalls here, a battery of horse artillery and a company of Munster Fusiliers.

"You would not know me with six weeks' growth on my chin and a great deal of sunburn and dirt mixed. Water is scarce and so washing is a luxury.

"We got paid the noble sum of £1 18s 6d on the 1st, although I received £3 18s 6d through a mistake of the paymaster. He seemed quite surprised to find a 'Tommy' retreating with the £2 extra.

"We sleep with our sidearms on our sides beside us, but have had no call for them as yet, although I hope we shall before we return home. The R. H. Artillery and some Australians who are camped next to us went out about 14 miles a couple of days ago and had some fun capturing 40 Boers, but lost 3 or 4 men.

"Lord Methuen says we shall be in the next engagement in the third line. I presume that they do not want to put us in the first, being volunteers, when there are numbers of regulars; however, we shall see some fighting in the third line."

Very Annoying.—One of the most vexatious things in modern times is to read as a story in one of our daily papers and then find at the end of the same a patent medicine ad. Of course, the thing is not just what we like, but as there is near at hand a pleasant remedy which comes to all who buy their newspapers, books and stationery at the Victoria News Co.'s store, 85 Yates street, R. Williams manager, the annoyance after all is not so very great.

Wharf Strike More Serious

Engineers Go Out in Sympathy and C. P. R. Freighters Also Involved.

Employment of Japanese in Place of Strikers Brought Further Trouble.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Feb. 21.—The longshoremen's strike presented some startling situations to-day. The Pacific Coast Steamship Co. offered their engineers \$10 a day each to go to work, but they refused. The crew worked, and an attempt to get the Seamen's Union at San Francisco to stop them failed. At 5 a. m. 50 Japanese were put on loading through freight. The Mayor and Japanese Consul Shimizu were called from their beds and asked to intercede, while the C. P. R. freighters' union called an emergency meeting and struck in a body, tying up every train and ship in port. The Japanese were induced to quit, and the C. P. R. freighters went to work again. The longshoremen are still out and appear to have the best of the situation.

P. Mooney drank a quart of gin on a hot and narrowly escaped death. He was unconscious twelve hours, with the doctor over him.

The steamer Moyle is still tied up at Nelson, with 61 passengers on board, because the waiter on the Moyle has smallpox.

COLLIER MIAMI.

Owners Expect to Make a Very Handsome Profit—Engines Can Be Saved.

S. Cahn, of Seattle, one of the members of the firm of Cahn & Cahn, who recently purchased the wrecked collier Miami, has just returned, with Ira Bronson, also of Seattle, from Oyster Bay. Mr. Cahn thinks that the engines can be removed without much difficulty. If this can be done they will represent about \$20,000, and as the wreck was bought for \$4,000, this will mean a very handsome profit. Mr. Cahn says that the Miami lies in a very good position, but that they will not attempt to save her. Their plan is to break her up and then remove the material. Work will be commenced in about a month or six weeks, and a diver will be employed to assist in the operations. Mr. Cahn thinks that it will be possible to work at any stage of the tide. There are about 3,000 tons of coal in the hold of the vessel that is below water.

"SONS OF THE EMPIRE."

Beautiful Work of Art Commemorative of the War in South Africa.

Messrs. Raphael Tuck & Sons, Ltd., the well known art publishers of London, Eng., have lately issued a photographic album after the original painting by Harry Payne, entitled "Sons of the Empire," the proceeds of the sale of which that firm have resolved to devote to the Transvaal war fund for the widows and orphans. A copy of this picture is now on view in J. Sommer's window on Government street. The unique spectacle presented to the eye is the "Sons of the Empire" on which the artist stands shoulder to shoulder in the cause of justice and freedom, her colonies hastening to share the dangers and participate in the glories of the Mother Country. It is a fitting subject to be commemorated for the benefit of the dear ones of the brave men who are shedding their blood in the service of their Queen and country.

Originally commissioned in the usual course of one of their photographic publications, the firm soon realized that the subject was of too patriotic, too Imperial a nature, to be exploited at a time like the present for the benefit of any individual firm, and therefore decided to place the whole of the first year's profits, derived from the sale of the reproductions of this painting at the disposal of the Transvaal war funds. The services of Raphael Tuck & Co. and those of their staff are given gratuitously, while Messrs. Turquand, Youngs, Bishop & Clarke, the eminent chartered accountants of London, Eng., have undertaken the auditing of the whole of the accounts free of charge.

The interest taken in the picture by the commander-in-chief of the British army, and his acceptance of the dedication will be a source of satisfaction to the public, while Lord Wolseley's signature, which will appear on every copy, proof or print, is an assurance of the satisfactory accomplishment of the work.

The picture, for the absolutely correct details of which much is due to the authorities of the war office, depicts four typical representatives of English, Scotch, Irish and Welsh regiments, of whom an officer of the guards, holding aloft the Union Jack, occupies the centre. Ranged round in its defence, with weapons "at the ready," are stern stalwart men representing the various contingents contributed by the different colonies to the fighting forces in South Africa, the other branches of the Imperial service, artillery, engineers and infantry being separately represented, while the blue-jackets and marines also occupy a deserved position. The whole forming a group which, in its picturesqueness, its power and its concentrated force, well typifies the vastness and solidarity of the Empire.

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SOLDIERS' WIVES' LEAGUE.

Information About an Organization Which is Meeting With Much Favor.

For the information of the public it is deemed advisable to publish the following facts of the Soldiers' Wives' League: ORGANIZATION OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Patron—Her Excellency the Countess of Minto.
President—Mrs. Hutton.
Vice-Presidents—Mrs. Drummond, Mrs. Thos. Ross.

Hon. Secretary—Mrs. Cotton.
Hon. Treasurer—Mrs. W. E. Hodgins.
General Committee—The wives of the district officers commanding in each district.
General Executive Committee—Officers of the association and two members elected by the general committee—the two chosen are Lady Ritchie and Mrs. Tilton.

Branches of the league are being established at the headquarters of each military district, and which, with minor local branches, will endeavor to reach all portions of the force.

The latter will report to their local district branches.

AIMS AND OBJECTS.

The object of this league is to bring the wives of all soldiers, whether officers, non-commissioned officers or men of the staff, permanent corps and active militia of Canada, into closer touch and sympathy with one another, so that whether in sickness or in health, they may be able mutually to assist one another and their families in times of difficulty, trouble or distress.

It is also hoped that by means of the league not only may volunteers have greater inducements to join the militia, but also that they will be encouraged to continue their service therein, in excess of the usual limited period of enlistment.

So far the work has been almost entirely confined to cases requiring assistance on account of the departure of our contingents to join the Imperial forces, but the original aim has not been entirely overlooked.

It will be noted that the objects of this league are, in part, embraced by those which have been since its formation published as part of the Canadian Patriotic Alliance system, and the league hopes that in the distribution of the funds of the latter they may be enabled to assist the work of the association by their more intimate knowledge of the individual requirements of that class with which they are in immediate touch.

JESSIE COTTON,
Secretary, Central Committee, Soldiers' Wives' League,
Ottawa, 20th January, 1900.

PROMOTION BY SELECTION.

Schemes to Enable President to Reward Merit in the American Army.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The secretary of war has sent to the senate and house military committee a draft of a bill that the department claims greatly strengthens the efficiency of the army, and the league hopes that in the distribution of the funds of the latter they may be enabled to assist the work of the association by their more intimate knowledge of the individual requirements of that class with which they are in immediate touch.

A chief feature of the legislation asked for provides for one-third of promotions to be made by selection. This is to enable the President to reward specially gallant and meritorious services. It recognizes both length and special fitness of service, and its author claims that its provisions are so guarded that only the most deserving shall receive special recognition and in no case be the creatures of personal or political intervention. The bill gives the President control of the tenure of office of heads of staff departments, and he can by and with the advice and consent of the senate, make a new head of a department at any time, when in his opinion the appointment would increase the efficiency of the department, the officer relieved being transferred to the retired list.

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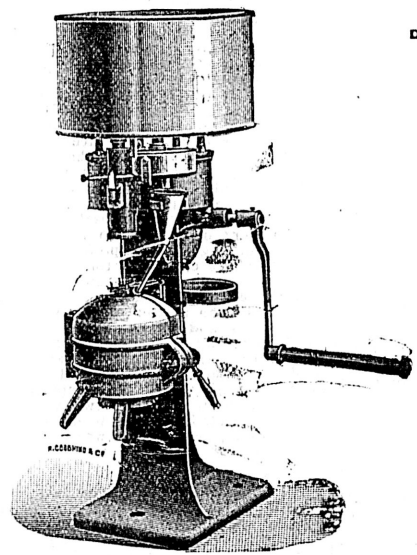
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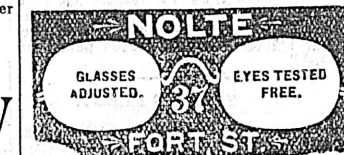
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In their second concert of this their eighth season, the Arion Club yesterday evening succeeded in thoroughly delighting an appreciatively critical audience with an admirably arranged programme in which new songs and old favorites were judiciously mingled. The club was assisted for the occasion by Miss Edith Lombard (contralto), Miss Agnes Russell (soprano), Dr. Richard Nash (violin), Mr. Aaron A. Parritt (cello), and Mr. J. L. Raynes (organ). The augmentation of the accompaniment provision, directly in line with the contemplated development of an orchestral side in the club, which is unquestionably the phase of the plan for the club's future in the mind of its original director at the time of his lamented death—was especially noticed during the presentation of yesterday evening's programme; while the personnel of the club showed very considerable change, with an acquisition of fresh voices and enthusiasm that should be productive of excellent results.

In their new numbers of the evening the choir displayed considerable versatility, the first being a rollicking, jovial, humorous apostrophe to the elder of Old Norway (by Arthur E. Dyer), which was given with admirable accuracy of attack, although perhaps missing the warmth and zest usually imparted by the club to this class of music. The second of the new numbers—W. H. Nedlinger's "Come, Love, Come"—gave a very poetic and charmingly metaphorical voice picture, the singing being notably well balanced and the song one of the prettiest and best handled numbers of the night. The second part of the programme opened with the Latin drinking song by Genee, "Bibit Ille, Bibit Ille"—which was notable chiefly as further evidence of the commendable versatility of the club. In yet another new number, "Parting" (Appet), the solo was taken successfully by Mr. H. Worlock, who, while exhibiting some slight nervousness, acquitted himself on the whole happily and creditably, with a merited recall as his reward. Improved vigor and life was shown by the club in "The Spring Has Come" (Dudley Buck); while the delicacy of the club's shading and phrasing, was exhibited in the old favorites "Good Night" (Kuckert), "The Soldier's Farewell" (Kuckert), and the world-popular "Sweet and Low", the arrangement being entirely different from the familiar fiddle setting. Completing the club numbers were the fine descriptive, "Lord Ullin's Daughter" (Alfred H. Gaul), the soloists being Messrs. H. J. Cawley, Herbert Kent and J. Wallston; and the less familiar "Gift of Music" (J. H. Brewer), in which the individual honors fell to Mr. W. S. Goodwin—these being the two heaviest pieces of the evening. As an extra number at the close of the programme, the "Soldiers' Farewell" was sung with splendid depth of feeling, the members of those Victorian soldiers who have proved their loyalty with their lives and found a soldier's grave on the African battlefield. The audience rose while this number was being sung and received it with the homage of deep silence.

Miss Lombard in her second number secured a conspicuous success with "Tant Beati" as an encore, being what is by many conceded to have been the bright particular gem of the evening, the "Cradle Song" of Kate Vannah. In her earlier number—(a) Ritzmael and (b) The Ideal, C. Chamblaine, this promising young contralto showed a beautiful voice and an effective method, although by the hypercritical exception might be taken to her articulation and her breathing system.

NEW FIRE ENGINE.
An Addition to Victoria's Equipment
Shipped From Portland.

The new combined chemical engine and hose wagon which was shipped from Portland yesterday, should arrive here on Saturday. It is to be inspected by the city council, and if it proves satisfactory will be purchased. This will be the first step towards equipping Victoria West with good fire-fighting facilities.

This machine was purchased by the city of Everett during the boom. They intended to put it in a new fire department with all the latest improved apparatus, but when the boom was over it was found that the maintenance of this department was too expensive, and the city council decided to fall back on the volunteer system and sell their new apparatus.

Mr. A. G. Long, agent of the Champlain Manufacturing Company, of Chicago, from whom the engine was bought, undertook to sell it to Victoria for \$1,200 which together with the duty and freight will bring the cost up to \$1,700. The cost of a similar engine direct from the factory would be about \$3,900, thus the city will make a substantial saving. The new engine is almost new and has two cylinders of 60 gallons capacity each, four acid receptacles, 200 feet of 1-inch 4-ply special rubber hose, coupled; two brass shut-off nozzles, with three tips; a wire basket for chemical hose, with connecting pipe to the cylinders; four brass Eclipse lanterns; two 14-foot ladders, made to splice. There are also the necessities in the way of buckets, wrenches, torches, gongs, axes and crow-bars. The wheels are of the Archibald pattern, and the springs are of oil-tempered steel. The frame is of iron, and the brake controls the four wheels. There is capacity for 600 feet of 2½-inch rubber fire hose, and the color of the apparatus is English vermilion, with gold-leaf striping.

NAPOLÉON ON DRUNKENNESS.

Napoleon Bonaparte will appear in the March Century in a new role—that of a temperance advocate. In the second installment of Dr. O'Meara's hitherto unpublished "Talks with Napoleon" at St. Helena, it is recorded that, having a pain in his side, the ex-emperor asked his physician to show him where his liver was situated; and the latter, in some remarks on the causes of inflammation of that organ, mentioned intoxication as one of them. Thereupon Napoleon remarked: "Then I ought not to have it, as I never was drunk but once in my life." "I was twenty-four years ago, at Nice. . . . I drank three bottles of Burgundy, and was completely drunk. O, how sick I was the next day! I wonder how a man who once gets drunk can ever think of doing it again. Such headache, vomiting and general sickness; I was nearly dead for two days."

THE LOCAL NEWS.

W. C. T. U.—The regular business meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held on Thursday at the Refuge home, on Cormorant street.

Theosophical Lecturer.—Dr. Will C. Bail, of San Francisco, the Pacific coast lecturer of the Theosophical society will speak to-night in Pioneer hall upon "The Origin of Matter." The lecture will be illustrated with large charts. Tomorrow night Dr. Bail, will speak upon "The Ascent of Man."

New Trial.—The new trial of Bird et al. vs. Veith & Borland, arising out of the sale of a pack train, will be heard on Wednesday next. In the first trial judgment was given for the plaintiffs, the full court granting a new trial. The trial of the Bank of B. C. vs. Oppenheimer will be heard on Monday.

A Second Action.—Another action against Hon. Dr. McKechnie for an alleged breach of the independence of Parliament, was commenced yesterday. The plaintiff is the same party as in the first action, W. Woodman, of Nanaimo, who claims \$500 on account of Dr. McKechnie having occupied his seat in the legislature on Tuesday.

Mayor's Dinner.—The following gentlemen dined last evening with His Worship the Mayor: Right Rev. Bishop Cridge, Lieut.-Col. Gregory, Aldermen Kinsman, Williams, Cameron, Brydon, Beckwith, Stewart, Yates, Cooley and Hall, Messrs. C. H. Lagrin, W. J. Taylor, J. M. Bradburn, C. D. Mason, Dr. R. L. Fraser, Charles Kent, W. J. Dowler, W. W. Northcott, J. L. Raymur, C. H. Topp and Henry Goward.

The McPhee Company.—In spite of the inclement weather, a good-sized audience greeted McPhee's Big Company at the A. O. U. W. hall last night, when they produced the five-act comedy-drama, "Mabel Heath, or Stricken Blind," and judging from the applause the company succeeded in amusing their audience. To-night the company produce the four-act comedy, "Bonnie the Meddler."

Trades and Labor.—Considerable business was transacted at the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council last night. It is proposed that steps be taken to establish one or two union barber shops in the city under the control of the barbers' union of Vancouver. The cigar-makers complained of the depression in their trade by the importation of Eastern goods. Four years ago 40 cigar-makers found employment in the city, while to-day only 12 are steadily employed. It was pointed out that of the 3,000,000 cigars consumed in the city each year only 900,000 are manufactured here, the balance being imported. The council will ask wholesale and retail dealers of cigars to give home manufactured goods the preference. A petition will be circulated for signatures asking the provincial government to extend the eight-hour day to all public works. In the matter of the Victoria mail sorters and letter carriers being discriminated against in the recent raise of salaries granted Western post office employees, the council deferred action till its next meeting. The compiling of the constitution and by-laws was reported completed, and the tender of the Colonist for printing them was accepted.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Saturday's association football game for the provincial intermediate championship cup between the Columbias and Victorias will be the final match between these teams and will decide which will represent Victoria against the Nanaimo Thistles, in the final match for the cup. The game will be played at the Cathedral grounds and will commence at 2 o'clock. The teams are as follows: Columbias—goal, Marshall; backs, Nesbitt and Burns; half-backs, Robertson, Dalby, and Turner; forwards, Berkeley, Fell, Wilson, Lawson, and Netherby. Colors, red and white. The Victoria team will be picked from the following: W. H. Kinsman, A. Peden, W. York, S. Lortimer, W. McGowan, J. Hart, E. White, J. Dister, J. Lorimer, W. Winsley, A. Hibbs, J. Pauline, H. G. Lawson, and R. B. Powell.

The next game in the junior league series (Victoria) will be played between the Boys Brigade and the Junior Columbias on Beacon Hill on Saturday afternoon commencing at 1:45 sharp. The teams are as follows: Boys' Brigade—Goal, W. Loveridge; backs, A. Bolen and A. Haughton; half-backs, F. Cullin, G. Temple, and W. Edmonds; forwards, J. Anderson, W. Ross, J. Hogg, R. Finlayson and J. Simpson. Colors, blue and white. Columbias: Goal, Paterson; backs, O'Leary and Blackburn; half-backs, Kinloch, Wake and Swenson; forwards, Gibson, W. Kinloch, C. Wiggins, McArthur, and Kroeger. Colors, red and white. Official referee, A. Rutherford. All members of the Victoria senior team are requested to attend practice at Beacon Hill on Saturday afternoon commencing at 3 o'clock, in preparation for the game which will be played the Saturday following.

MONTHS' SHIPPING.

Report of R. P. Rithet & Co. For the Month of January.

The following is R. P. Rithet & Co.'s freight and shipping report for January: "The grain and freight markets during the past month show very little change in their general position. Although there was a slight tendency to a firmer market for wheat towards the close of the month, low prices are still ruling, and there is therefore little encouragement to exporters to push business. Notwithstanding this feature freights continue firm with very little tonnage available, either spot or to arrive. There is still a large surplus of grain to be moved, and there is every prospect of the present high freight rates continuing for some time. The demand for lumber continues steady and the increased price mentioned in our last is freely paid. Grain freights may be quoted at about the same as last recorded, while rates for lumber show a general advance, particularly for Australian ports. For early loading some higher rates have been paid than noted."

THE SALMON FLEET.

Five Ships Already Chartered For Next Season's Trade.

The salmon exporters are already looking out for tonnage for the coming season's trade and a total of over 8,000 tons has already been secured. The following vessels have been chartered: British ship Decmont, 1,727 tons; Clan Mackenzie, of the Clan line, 1,684 tons; Ardnamurchan, 1,718 tons; Sorcne, 1,478 tons, and Fiery Cross, 1,456 tons. The rate paid to the Decmont is 37s. 6d., the Clan Mackenzie 36s. 3d., and the Ardnamurchan, 37s.

RETAIL MARKETS.

Quotations for Provisions Corrected Up to Last Evening.

The retail market quotations are as follows:
Flour—
Ogilvie's Hungarian, per cbl. \$ 5.00
Lake of the Woods, per cbl. 5.00
O.K., per cbl. 5.00
Snowflake, per cbl. 4.20
Calgary, Hungarian, per cbl. 5.00
Premium, per cbl. 5.00
XXX Enderby, per cbl. 4.20
Grain—
Wheat, per ton 28.00/30.00
Corn (whole), per ton 28.00/28.00
Corn (cracked), per ton 28.00/28.00
Oats, per ton 28.00/28.00
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs. 40c 50
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 7lb sack 30
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Feed—
Hay (baled), per ton 16.00/17.00
Straw, per bale 50c 75
Middlings, per ton 21.00/23.00
Tonnage, per ton 20.00/22.00
Ground feed, per ton 24.00/25.00

Vegetables—
Potatoes, per 100 lbs. 1.00c 1 25
Cabbages, per lb. 10c 15
Cauliflower, per head 10c 15
Lettuce, 4 heads for 10c 15
Carrots, per lb. 10c 15
Turnips, per lb. 10c 15
Celery, per bunch 10c 15
Tomatoes, per lb. 10c 15
Peas, per lb. 10c 15
Onions, per lb. 10c 15
Fish—
Salmon (smoked), per lb. 10c 15
Salmon (spring), per lb. 10c 15
Oysters (Glympian), per pt. 5c 10
Escargots (French), per tin 5c 10
Cod, per lb. 10c 15
Halibut, per lb. 10c 15
Herring, per lb. 10c 15
Smelts, per lb. 10c 15
Flounders, per lb. 10c 15
Crabs, 3 for 10c 15

Farm Produce—
Eggs (Manitoba), per dozen 25
Eggs (Island), fresh, per doz 40
Butter (Delta creamery) 20
Butter (Cowichan creamery) 20
Cheese (Canadian) 12 1/2 15
Lard, per lb. 12 1/2 15
Meats—
Hams (American), per lb. 17c 18
Hams (Canadian), per lb. 16c 18
Bacon (American), per lb. 16c 18
Bacon (Canadian), per lb. 14c 18
Bacon (rolled), per lb. 12c 18
Bacon (long clear), per lb. 12c 18
Shoulders, per lb. 14c 18
Beef, per lb. 10c 15
Mutton, per lb. 10c 15
Veal, per lb. 10c 15
Pork, per lb. 10c 15

Game—
Ducks (mallards), per brace 75c 85
Ducks (wildgeese), per brace 50c 60
Ducks (teal), per brace 50c 60
Ducks (brant), per brace 50c 60
Rabbits (Island), per pair 75c 85
Fruit—
Bananas, per doz 30c 35
Lemons (California), per doz 35
Lemons (Island), per doz 35
Apples, per lb. 5c 6
Pears, 3 lbs. for 20c 25
Oranges (natives), per lb. 10c 15
Nuts (all kinds), per lb. 20c 25

Poultry—
Dressed chicken, per pair 1.50c 1.75
Ducks (Island), per pair 1.50c 1.75
Ducks (Eastern), per pair 1.50c 1.75
Turkeys (Island), per lb. 25c 30
Turkeys (Eastern), per lb. 18c 20

MARINE NOTES.

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From the Rossland Miner, Feb. 18.
The officers of the Okanagan Free Gold Mines yesterday received a gold brick, the result of the last clean-up of the mill. The clean-up is valued at \$2,700. This is the result of a run of 22 days, as the mill was shut down during the balance of the month as a consequence of the excessively cold weather freezing the water in the pipes. A heating apparatus has been put up in the mill which keeps the water above the freezing point, and there will be no more trouble on this account, as the mill will be able to run for the entire month, and the clean-up should be larger next month than ever. The mine is looking first rate.

At a meeting of the directors of the Okanagan Free Gold Mines, held on Friday, Mr. R. H. Findlay, a well known and experienced mining engineer and mine and mill manager, was chosen for superintendent. Mr. Findlay has had many years' experience in managing mines and mills in Montana, and should prove a valuable acquisition to the company. Mr. Findlay will be under the supervision of Mr. Frank D. Howe, who remains as the consulting engineer of the company. The Princeton mine, which has been the superintendent of the mine since operations were commenced about a year ago, resigned early during the present month.

THE SUNSET COPPER.
The following letter was received from Mr. Charles Revey, of Princeton, by a gentleman in Rossland recently:
"You ask me for news, well I can give you the most satisfactory kind and that is that the Sunset is down 100 feet and it is something out of sight. The ore has been improving steadily with depth, both in quantity and quality and by the looks of it now it can't get much better. The men at the mine are all excited over it and amongst 15 they have 14,000 shares which were all bought at 15 cents each, now this alone goes to show what they think of it, and that I consider is a great recommendation. W. Knight, Irwin, Wornpole, Belzy, Allan, Longhead, the foreman, and every man in the camp have taken shares. The newspaper office is up but the press has not arrived yet. The citizens of Princeton held a mass meeting last week and we elected two delegates to go to Victoria and make out that old grumpy government. I don't know what else you could call them, and let them know what we have up here, and also what we want, a bridge across the Similkameen. Princeton is a wagon road to Copper Mountain; school at Princeton; government offices at Princeton; completion of wagon road from Keremeos to Princeton; and to let them know that there is a Princeton, and that there are some up-to-date hunters and rustlers in Princeton, and last but not least, that there are 100 votes registered from Princeton."
Robert Stevenson has struck a big thing on his Lost Horse claim near the Alhambra and Virginia property, he has had two men on all winter.
R. A. Brown is up at the mine. Brown talks big but he has a good foundation for all he says about the Sunset. I wish I was "crazy" like him. They have started crosscutting two-way at the 100-foot level, but still continue to punch down the shaft. Well, from this on you can reckon on being worth just about one-half more, because if Sunrise don't increase 50 per cent. in value it is your fault.

GREAT PROMISE OF LARDEAU.
Manager W. B. Pool of the Nettie L. mine at Princeton (Lardeau district) accompanied by John J. Young, one of the directors, and A. H. Holdich, the company's assayer, have been at Trail for the last few days. They brought down to the smelter two shipments of 50 tons each of the high-grade silver-bearing gray copper which is making the Lardeau district so famous as a producer of rich ore. Fifty tons of the ore from the Nettie L. gave returns at the smelter of over \$150 to the ton, being one of the richest shipments that has ever been received at Trail. The other 50 tons was only slightly under this figure. Manager Pool and the owners of the Nettie L. naturally feel some pride in the returns from this shipment, which is the first on a large scale that the property has turned out, although a trial shipment of closely sorted ore last winter went as high as \$140 to the ton. The ore carries silver, lead, copper and gold, running especially high in the gray copper, which gives the high silver values. Assays from picked specimens of the gray copper have run from \$3,000 to 5,000 ounces silver to the ton.

The Nettie L. has been working only a little over a year, and considering that the owners were comparatively poor when they put their own resources into the development of the mine, running things economically and throwing away no money on high-salaried officials or expensive equipments, they may fairly be congratulated on the results so far achieved. The property is a mile and a half from the high-grade silver-bearing gray copper which is making the Lardeau district so famous as a producer of rich ore. Fifty tons of the ore from the Nettie L. gave returns at the smelter of over \$150 to the ton, being one of the richest shipments that has ever been received at Trail. The other 50 tons was only slightly under this figure. Manager Pool and the owners of the Nettie L. naturally feel some pride in the returns from this shipment, which is the first on a large scale that the property has turned out, although a trial shipment of closely sorted ore last winter went as high as \$140 to the ton. The ore carries silver, lead, copper and gold, running especially high in the gray copper, which gives the high silver values. Assays from picked specimens of the gray copper have run from \$3,000 to 5,000 ounces silver to the ton.

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It is now being continued through the lead, which is 15 to 20 feet wide, and the manager is confident of discovering a large ore body on or near the footwall. In conversation with Mr. Pool a Miner representative learned that owing to the richness of most of the properties now being worked in the Lardeau, they are not troubled with any labor problems, the wages paid being \$3.50. Much of the development work in the district is done by contract, varying from \$10 to \$15 a foot for tunnel work. The working mines at present in the camp besides the Nettie L. are the Silver Cup and Sunshine, owned by English companies; Towser, Beatrice, Ethel, Moscow and Broadway, each of which employs from 10 to 40 men.
During the past ten days shipments of from 50 to 150 tons have been sent by the Silver Cup, Sunshine and Beatrice, all of which is hundred-dollar ore or better. The Moscow, owned by Beakelake and Calgary companies, is under development and will shortly join the list of shippers. It carries a four-foot paystreak, and being only seven miles from steamboat landing, over a good sleigh road, Mr. Pool is satisfied it can ship at a good profit.
"You Rosslanders may expect big surprises from the Lardeau next summer," added Mr. Pool. "I have stayed with the camp since 1892, and I have been over every part of it. I am not afraid to predict that some big fortunes will be made there in the next two years."

GREENWOOD.

Greenwood, Feb. 13.—The work of construction and installing the electric light plant of the Greenwood Electric Company is nearing completion and it is hoped by the superintendent, Mr. J. H. Findlay, that the current turned on to have the electric light in the town. The 240 horse power engine, the last piece of machinery to arrive, has been set up. The connection between here and Phoenix is also being pushed. It will not be long after the city will be getting lights. The city has agreed to take half a dozen 2,000 candle power lamps, and more will be installed after these have been tested.
Last night at the city council meeting a petition signed by 40 property holders of Anaconda, the adjoining township, was presented requesting the city to include the township within its municipal boundaries. The petition will receive the careful consideration of the aldermen and arrangements will be made to accomplish the object desired, which will be of mutual benefit to the residents of Anaconda and of Greenwood. Besides it just means an addition of 400 to the city, which will bring the population to 1,000. Greenwood certainly claims to be the most populous town of the district.

Greenwood, Feb. 16.—The final payment of \$11,250 was made to-day on the Red mine in Greenwood camp. A Sherbrook, Quebec company, bought the mine last summer for twenty-five thousand.

GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, Feb. 14.—The Majestic and City of Paris mines in Central camp, owned by Jay P. Graves and associates, have let a contract for the hauling of the ore now on the dump, amounting to 7,000 tons, to the Grand Forks company. The main tunnel in the Volcanic, north fork of Kettle river, is now in 200 feet. There are good indications that the ore body will be encountered shortly. The formation is becoming greatly broken up and the seams in the rock are impregnated with copper stain.

The city council has adopted a resolution strongly endorsing the application of the Kettle River railway for a charter from the Dominion government.
W. H. Cover's fruit farm, four miles from Grand Forks, in the Kettle River valley, is far famed not only for the quality, but the quantity of fruit grown. Having demonstrated that the soil and climate are admirably adapted for fruit raising, he has decided to place an additional 120 acres under cultivation this spring. Mr. Cover pursues raising apples, pears, peaches and plums. He is the largest grower in the district.
During his visit here last fall, Hon. Sidney Fisher, minister of agriculture, was so greatly pleased with the fruit grown on the Cover farm that he ordered a special exhibit to be sent to the Paris exposition.

HOW ONE GETS BILIOUS.
A sluggish liver fails to filter the bile from the blood, and when the poisonous matter goes through the body in the stream of the whole system is tainted and deranged. This is called biliousness and can be completely cured by Dr. A. W. Chase's healthy, active, and healthy liver pills. One pill a dose, 25 cents a box. The cheapest medicine in the world.

THE MINERS' GREAT PETITION.
Alien Corporation to Lavish Its Dollars on Influencing British Columbia Laws.
From the Sandon Mining Review.

The members of District Union No. 6, Western Federation of Miners, said to the members of the British Columbia legislature a petition to the government in favor of the eight-hour law; and though commented on approvingly by Mr. Cotton's paper, it has many what might be called peculiarities, to say the least of its prayers. As the whole force of the entire document is a demand for the retention of that law in its entirety, criticism of it is not our intention to take up the consideration of even the document on that ground. It may as well here be understood, once for all, that it is not simply because the law constitutes eight hours a day's work on the opponents of the law object to it, but for a more far-reaching reason—that it deprives men and owners of their liberty and reduces them to the rank of "animals," the creations to which the petitioners so much object, by depriving them of their right to liberty or the exercise of human judgment. We have at

all times admitted that good men can do the work required of them in eight hours or more, but the petitioners have admitted that there are many underground workings in all camps in which it is injurious to work even eight hours; but as it is well known that owners have not the means of compelling men to work longer than eight hours or even that long, where they do want to do it, the end desired by the petitioners could have been attained by mutual arrangement between the only two parties interested, and that too without the law that has cost the country and the miners so much money and time, and which has done nothing to help the miners and several years' growth besides. We will illustrate what we say. Some three weeks since the painters of Vancouver met and adopted nine hours a day's work. A short time previous the carpenters of Nelson met and agreed on the duration of a day, and both without either law or act of parliament. The miners of the Sloane could have done the same thing, and that too without disturbing legislation. It is used to be said that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," but the Western Federation will the destruction of liberty a matter of choice.

Next they object to the "disruption of the government by the miners," which must be saved by organized trickery, and that organization an alien institution besides, whose president declares that he prefers to gain his end by the sword. They next ask for the decapitation of the inspectors of mines, because they have lost their "confidence and respect." No doubt Boyce, who, Mahomet like, believes in the sword, would be the man of their choice in his place.
Further on it is asserted the wages demanded are not above those paid to first-class miners in Cripple Creek. This may all be; but the petitioners do not show that the miners of the Sloane are all first-class men, nor yet that the conditions of the same as those of Cripple Creek—that all the positions of the Sloane are far developed, and, therefore, as well able to pay as the properties in Cripple Creek. It appears to us, these 11 unions should send in another petition verifying these conditions before the first condition should be considered. We venture the opinion, in this connection, that if the unions could assure the owners that they had nothing but first-class men, or better still had only asked the higher pay, allowing their second and third rate men to take second and third rate wages, the trouble in the Sloane would have been settled long ago.

The fourth grave assertion is that the evidence before Commissioner Clute has proved that miners will perhaps do as much work in eight hours as they formerly did in ten. No doubt it was proved to the satisfaction of the Western Federation; but merely to assert it has not proved it to the province nor to Mr. Clute either. The petitioners who are at Rossland and of the Sloane, who better know the facts from trial say the miners will either have to shut down or reduce wages under the law.
The closing paragraph of the petition must be a nice piece of lovely work for any cabinet minister in a British colony. Here it is:

"Any tampering with the eight-hour law at this late day will result in a struggle which will last until every dollar in the Western Federation of Miners has been expended." It is in most shame-faced print declared that the Western Federation of Miners, whose president is Boyce that arch rebel to his own country, is best of the best of the government, and will spend the last dollar they have in forcing legislation in this British colony that best suits their own ends and objects only. Is not this refreshing? It appears to us that any government of British Columbia, possessing the ordinary feeling of dignity and independence, would resent intimidations like that as they ought to be resented; but it remains to be seen how it will be accepted by the present administration.

BACKACHE.

Weak, Lame, Aching Backs, the Result of Sluggish, Inactive Kidneys.

Backache is in reality kidney ache. The kidneys become clogged and fail in their work of filtering the blood. Backache is nature's warning that the kidneys are on strike, and that the blood going through the system laden with poisons, which will cause Bright's disease, dropsy, diabetes, rheumatism, or other equally painful and fatal complications.

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MUNICIPAL NOTICE.

Victoria and Saanich Railway Extension and Loan By-Law 1900.

I hereby give notice that such of the electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, as are entitled to vote on a by-law for raising money upon the credit of the Municipality, are requested to attend at the polling places, or places, of the ward or wards, of the said Municipality, at which they are so entitled to vote, on Wednesday, the 28th day of February, 1900, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., to vote for or against the passage of the Victoria and Saanich Railway Extension and Loan By-Law 1900, a copy of which is now published in the Victoria Daily Colonist, and copies whereof are posted up at the City Hall, and at the Public Market Building, Cormorant Street, and also in each ward; and to take notice that said by-law will not be valid, or of any effect, unless the vote polled in favor thereof be at least a three-fourths majority of the votes polled.

The polling places are as follows, viz.: For the North Ward, Central Ward and South Ward will be held at the Public Market Building, fronting on Cormorant Street.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, this 15th day of February, 1900.
WM. W. NORTHCOTT, Mayor, Returning Officer.

Kandy List of Victoria Firms.
BOOK EXCHANGE.
CASHMOR'S, 103 Douglas street; buys and exchanges all kinds of books and books.

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A BY-LAW

To add a Railway Company to be formed for the purpose of acquiring and operating the Victoria and Saanich Railway and extending the same, and operating a Ferry System between Sidney or the terminus of such extension on the Saanich Peninsula and Mainland of British Columbia.

Whereas, under and by virtue of the "Municipal Clauses Act" the Council of every Municipality may from time to time make by-laws for subscribing for any number of shares of the stock of any incorporated railway and for extending the same, and works of any such company from taxation for a term not exceeding ten years, and provided that no shares shall be subscribed for by any Company whose lines, bridges and works are either wholly or in part within the limits of the Municipality;

And, Whereas, by certain Articles of Agreement bearing date the tenth day of January, 1900, certain powers, and privileges were granted by the Corporation of the City of Victoria, Joseph A. Sayward, David Spencer, Frederick B. Pemberton, William Munsie and Clement E. Renouf, (hereinafter called "The Trustees") and hereinafter called "The Trustees," and their assigns, the following:

Agreement made and entered into this tenth day of January, 1900, between the Corporation of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, hereinafter called "The Corporation," of the first part, and Joseph A. Sayward, merchant; David Spencer, merchant; Frederick B. Pemberton, financial agent; William Munsie, merchant; and Clement E. Renouf, merchant; all of the City of Victoria, aforesaid; hereinafter called "The Trustees," and their assigns, of the second part;

Whereas, the Trustees are desirous of forming a company (hereinafter called and referred to as "The Company") for the purpose of acquiring and operating the Victoria and Saanich Railway and of extending the same into the business part of the Province of British Columbia, and also to find necessary or expedient to extend the same to any convenient harbor north of Sidney for the purpose of establishing and operating a ferry system between Sidney or the terminus of such extension on the Saanich Peninsula and the mainland of the Province of British Columbia, south of the Fraser river and north of the International boundary, and also for the purpose of building, equipping and operating a line of railway from such point as aforesaid to the mainland through the Districts of Victoria, Delta, Surrey, Langley, Matsqui, Sumas and Chilliwack, to the town of Chilliwack or Centerville, in the Province of British Columbia;

And, Whereas, for the purposes and for the benefit of the Company the Trustees have requested the Corporation to grant them certain rights, franchises, powers and privileges and to subscribe for and become the holders of shares of the capital of the Company to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00);

Now therefore this agreement, in consideration of the premises and of the covenants hereinafter contained on the part of the Corporation, the Trustees hereby do and perform the following:

1. The Trustees shall and will immediately on the assent of the electors of the said Corporation being obtained to a by-law authorizing the Corporation to subscribe the capital stock of the Company, petition the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia and the Parliament of Canada or either of them at the next ensuing sitting thereof to pass an act incorporating the Company hereinafter referred to as "The Company," not exceeding two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00), and for all the powers, rights, privileges and franchises necessary and proper to enable the Company most effectually to carry out the objects above set forth and such other objects as the Trustees may deem advisable.

2. That in the event of the passing of such an act by either or both of the said legislative authorities the Trustees shall in conformity with the provisions of the said act and of the general Railway Act applicable thereto, organize the Company for the purpose of carrying out the objects aforesaid, and that immediately on the organization of the Company the Corporation shall transfer to the Company the whole of its stock of the Company to the par value of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00), and the Corporation shall thereupon be entitled and subject to all the rights and liabilities of shareholders in the said Company.

Provided, however, that the Corporation shall incur no liability in respect to its subscription for the said shares unless and until the Company shall have either by the sale of its shares at par, or by dividend, Provincial or Federal loan, or otherwise, guarantees in aid of the construction of the said undertaking, or have had otherwise secured to it for the purposes of its undertaking a sum of not less than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00).

3. The Trustees hereby undertake and agree that the Company shall not in or by any special act of incorporation which may be obtained in respect thereof, or otherwise, vary or cause to be varied the provisions of the said act, or of the said British Columbia Railway Act. The shareholders of the Company (including the Corporation) shall be entitled to one vote in respect of each and every share held by them in the Company.

4. So soon as the matters mentioned in the first and second paragraphs hereof are carried out and the Company has acquired capital sufficient for its purposes, the Company shall forthwith acquire either by purchase, lease or otherwise, the property of the Victoria and Saanich Railway Company, and shall proceed to construct a railway of standard gauge from some convenient point as aforesaid on the Mainland of British Columbia to the town of Chilliwack or Centerville by the route hereinafter mentioned.

5. The Corporation hereby gives and grants unto the said Company the right and power to pass over, across and along such streets and highways of the Corporation as the Company may deem most suitable for such purposes, or lying between the present terminus of the Victoria and Saanich Railway, on Hillside Avenue, in the said City of Victoria, and some point at or near the harbor front in the said City.

Provided, however, that no system of double tracking shall be permitted on any streets of the city, and that such extension of the said Victoria and Saanich Railway shall be subject to the approval of the Municipality Council, City Engineer or some other competent person appointed or approved by the Corporation, and all repairs, additions or alterations of the same shall be subject to the same approval.

6. The Company shall be liable for all damages arising out of the construction or operation of the works herein contemplated within the municipality.

7. If the Company neglect to keep its tracks or roadways between the same or crossing between and on each side of the same on the outer side of each along the whole length thereof in said streets in good condition or to have necessary repairs made, the City Engineer or other proper officer shall give notice thereof to the Company requiring such repairs

to be made forthwith; and if not made within a reasonable time the said City Engineer or other proper officer may cause the repairs to be made and the amount so expended by the Corporation may be recovered against the Company in any court of competent jurisdiction.

8. The Company shall at its own cost and expense throughout the whole length of the Railway within the said City, cause the space between the rails and space of two feet on the outer side of each rail to be paved or macadamized as the case may be in conformity with the remainder of the intention so to do, and that no more than 2,500 feet of the said streets shall be broken up or opened at any one time; and that when the work thereon shall have been commenced the same shall be proceeded with steadily and without interruption and as rapidly as the same can be carried on, due regard being had to the proper and efficient construction of the same.

9. Before breaking up, opening or interfering with any of the said streets for the purpose of constructing the said railway the Company shall give or cause to be given notice of the Corporation at least thirty days' notice of the intention so to do, and that no more than 2,500 feet of the said streets shall be broken up or opened at any one time; and that when the work thereon shall have been commenced the same shall be proceeded with steadily and without interruption and as rapidly as the same can be carried on, due regard being had to the proper and efficient construction of the same.

10. During the construction of the said works due and proper care shall be taken to leave sufficient space and crossing for the traffic and travel on the said streets and other streets intersecting same shall not be unnecessarily impeded, and proper lights or watchmen shall be provided by the Company to prevent any interruption or obstruction of the same.

11. The location of the said railway in any of the streets shall not be made until the plans thereof showing the position of the rails and other works in each street shall have been submitted and approved by the Municipal Council and City Engineer or other such officer as aforesaid.

12. All work in constructing such railway shall be done in a substantial manner and according to the most approved modern methods, and the quality of the work shall be subject to the inspection and approval of the City Engineer or other such officer or person as the Municipal Council of the said Corporation shall appoint for that purpose.

13. The Corporation shall and will at the request of and for the use and benefit of the Company at its option, of which twelve months' previous notice shall have been given by the Company to the Corporation, grant and demise for a term of not more than twenty years, at an annual rental not exceeding the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) per year, the buildings, grounds, improvements and appurtenances thereto belonging of the premises known as the City Market, more particularly the building known as the City Market, 508, 506, 504, 502, 500, 498, 496, 494, 492, 490, 488 and half of 500 of Block N. of the City of Victoria.

14. The lands and improvements of the Company within the limits of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, and shall be subject to the same municipal taxation and every kind whatsoever for any and every purpose whatsoever by the Corporation, for a period of ten years from the completion of the undertaking.

15. That part of the Company's undertaking relating to the construction, operation and management of the railway and the termini of the railway at or near Sidney and the Coast terminal point on the Mainland of British Columbia shall be complete and in operation at or before the date when the railway is first constructed and ready for operation from such Coast terminal point as far as the Town of Chilliwack or Centerville.

16. The Company shall construct and equip a passenger steamship of not less than 150 tons in length with a licensed capacity of not less than 150 first-class passengers per trip, and also to carry mails, fast freight and express matter between the Port of Sidney or other the terminal on the Mainland of British Columbia, at least two round trips per day from and after the time of the completion thereof. Such steamship shall have and shall be operated at an average speed of not less than eight miles per hour, and shall be constructed so as to be thoroughly seaworthy and capable of making the passage between the ports or points aforesaid in any weather.

17. The Company shall construct and equip a twin-screw ferry steamship capable of carrying ten or more freight cars, standard gauge and load capacity of 30,000 tons, and maintain and operate the same between the said ports at least one round trip per day from and after the time of the completion thereof. Such ferry shall be constructed so as to be thoroughly seaworthy and capable of making the passage between the ports or points aforesaid in any weather.

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19. The Company shall at Sidney or other port of Vancouver Island and at its Coast terminal point or port on the Mainland of British Columbia acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise sufficient lands and rights of way to enable it to construct, maintain and operate such wharves, docks, slips, sheds, warehouses and depots and, lay down such tracks and provide and maintain all such other buildings and terminal works as may be necessary for the loading, unloading, transfer and transportation on and over the said railway of the Company of all classes of traffic, both freight and passenger.

20. The Company shall make traffic arrangements and enter into contracts with at least one other transportation company, ways crossing the line of the said railway for an exchange of traffic and equipment, so that all traffic, both passenger and freight, may be carried over the railway of the company on the Mainland and the Victoria and Saanich Railway, without transferring traffic from the railway passenger coaches or freight cars respectively of the Company or of the said transportation company.

21. The Mayor for the time being of the City of Victoria shall, ex-officio, be a director of the Company so long as the Corporation shall hold any shares in the Company.

22. From and after the first day of September, 1901, the Company shall be entitled to pay any interest upon the bonds of the Victoria and Saanich Railway under the By-law in aid of the Victoria and

THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Feb. 21.—8 p.m.
SYNOPSIS.

Unsettled weather still continues, the pressure is rising on the coast and the low area is passing eastward and traversing the Territories with considerable energy, the recent high area in that district giving way before it. Temperatures have been higher and rain has been very general and in some cases very heavy. Southerly to westerly winds have prevailed, increasing in force from fresh to high on the coast.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	46	53
New Westminster	38	45
Kamloops	34	50
Barkerville	26	38
Calgary	14	44
Winnipeg	14	22
Portland, Ore.	42	58
San Francisco	52	60

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 p.m. (Pacific time), Thursday:

Victoria and Vicinity—Fresh to strong south and west winds; partly fair, with occasional rains.

Lower Mainland—Unsettled, with rains.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 21.

Deg. Deg.
5 a.m. 44 Mean 48
Noon 50 Highest 53
5 p.m. 47 Lowest 43

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. 6 miles southeast.

Noon 28 miles southwest.

5 p.m. 16 miles southwest.

Average state of weather—Partly fair, with showers.

Rain—25 inch.

Sunshine—3 hours 18 minutes.

Barometer at noon—Observed 29.796

Corrected 29.806

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected 29.86

PASSENGERS.

By steamer Victorian from the Sound:

J. D. Thaggard.	P. Harrow.
J. L. Homer.	Mrs. Harrow.
C. H. Miller.	N. K. Jennings.
W. C. Miller.	N. K. Pibbens.
Mrs. Mulville.	Miss Livingston.
J. Edgar.	F. Royles.
C. P. Miller.	W. Fairbank.
C. W. Cann.	H. Temple.
Mrs. Cann.	H. Blankenship.
W. R. George.	J. R. Atkin.
A. A. Gilbey.	R. C. Baile.
H. L. Whitman.	H. C. Pine.
B. Simon.	Robt. Wilson.
A. Magnuson.	H. L. Balr.
R. Eskine.	B. J. Methvin.
L. Graham.	J. Gilmore.
Mrs. Graham.	W. M. McCady.

By steamer Islander from Vancouver:

R. Daudy.	H. Baurin.
C. H. Baird.	G. G. Thayer.
H. W. Thomas.	S. C. Falkner.
H. K. Cameron.	E. Hope.
H. K. Pelsler.	Mrs. Ede.
R. Ward.	Thos. Hooper.
D. Taylor.	Capt. Foot.
H. O. Munroe.	E. Moran.
A. J. Anderson.	E. W. Pratt.
R. W. Hall.	Jas. McCaul.
C. Lightfoot.	Jas. McCaul.
Alex. Shaw.	Wm. Walker.
D. Woodward.	J. C. Devlin.

CONSIGNEES.

By steamer Victorian from the Sound:

H. Hayfield Co.	M. Burns.
McLeod & Cary.	J. Casky.
Hutchinson Co.	S. Leiser & Co.
D. G. Chugra.	D. K. Chugra.
J. Savannah.	Erskine, W. & Co.
Ruby Bros.	Weller Bros.
A. L. Shakespear.	H. Young.
G. E. Munro.	J. P. & Co.
J. Fullerton.	D. Spencer.
B. & K. Milling Co.	Johns Bros.

GERMAN FRIENDSHIP.

Emperor and His Ministers Grieved That It Is Not Reciprocated by British People.

Berlin, Feb. 20.—The foreign office watches with some solicitude the growing anti-German sentiment in Great Britain. The truth is that Germany, since the outbreak of the war in South Africa has maintained the strictest neutrality. No responsible German statesman or official has hitherto expressed Anglophobe sentiment. It may also be assured positively that Emperor William has on several occasions spoken in a spirit of decided friendliness toward the British. True, the German press is inclined to be anti-British, as are also the masses of the people, but the foreign office points out—that is a spontaneous outburst for which the government cannot be held responsible. The foreign office denies that there is any justification for the statement in parliament of Broderick, the British foreign undersecretary, particularly for the assertion that Germany harbors schemes against the independence of the Netherlands.

The Berliner Post to-night contains an inspired article setting forth the foregoing in detail.

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VICTORIANS IN SLAIN

Five Killed and Ten Wounded the Western Company's Share in Heavy Loss by Canadians at Modder River.

Victims Well Known in Community and General Expressions of Grief and Sympathy—Vancouver Too Mourns Model Volunteer—Tribute by Legislature.

Peace to the fallen—they who died as heroes for their country's pride! 'Tis vain to weep, yet shall the tear Drop meekly o'er the warrior's bier; For tho' 'twere glorious to record Their dauntless sweep 'tho' fire and sword; Can we forget, while triumph glows, The son who sank to death's repose— The brother, comrade, lover, friend On whom our tend'rest hopes depend? Yet did they as true heroes die— Face to the foe; heart to the sky; And one fond thought would fain beguile: They live in our victorious smiles.

—Frederic Irving Taylor.

Victoria, B.C., February 21.

Flags at half-mast, sorrowful citizens examining bulletin boards, the sobs and tears of those who had lost dearest friends, little groups with down-cast faces conversing in hushed tones—all proclaimed yesterday morning that Victoria had been made to realize what war meant, what fighting for the flag meant, what colonial patriotism meant. Four Victoria boys had fallen at the front and others were wounded—perhaps dying—in far away Africa.

Gloom settled over the entire community—not the gloom of defeat, or that of the fallen, but a gloom born of knowledge that a glorious host had been plunged into mourning through the loss of loved ones, by the severing of ties which would have been sealed at the marriage altar had death been less cruel, by the cutting off in manhood's prime of the brave souls who had responded to the call of Queen and country. It was not that Victorians do not realize that hundreds are falling each day on the field of battle and that sorrow stalks in thousands of British homes; but they were made to feel in a personal way the horrors of war and the price of empire, by the news from Africa telling of the losses in the Canadian contingent.

It was a new experience. It pointed to the four winds more loudly than could diplomatic agreements that imperial federation—if the shedding of colonial blood for the dear old Motherland means anything—is an accomplished fact.

The first news received in this city of the disaster to the Canadian contingent, in which Victorians suffered came by a special despatch to the C. P. R. telegraph office from Toronto, the Toronto Globe having received a cable message from its war correspondent at the front. Bulletin's were promptly posted by the Colonist, and the news rapidly spread throughout the city. Flags were half-masted and business was virtually suspended; the legislature adjourned and all engagements for affairs of a jovial character were terminated.

The most popular and widely known of the four ill-fated Victoria boys was Sergeant Scott and naturally most expressions of sorrow among the populace coupled with the name, "Poor Scott!" was the exclamation of hundreds who had known the brave young athlete, who was the pride of the younger element in Victoria.

In numerous shop windows were exhibited photographs of the four Victorians who were killed, together with group photographs of the first Victoria contingent. These were immediately surrounded by little knots of citizens who told one by one what he or she had known of those who had fallen or had been wounded. But mostly the pictures of the dead heroes and their families were not a few tears were dropped by those who had been companions of the sturdy, manly Scott, now an occupant of a trench among the dead on the bleak African veldt.

THE HONORED SLAIN.

Sketches of the Careers of Those Who Fell Fighting for the Flag.

"We have thought them, and held them, and called them, 'Our Boys'—they are dead."

"They have stood at the mouth of the cannon and felt its hot breath: They have looked into the face of Death."

WILLIAM SCOTT, a young, honest "Billy" beloved by all for his many qualities, the pride of local athletic circles, was a native of London, Ont., but had come to be looked upon as a Victorian boy, having resided here for eight years. During the entire period of his residence in the city he was a member of the Fifth Regiment, but his great popularity was mainly due to the part he assumed in athletic circles.

A member of the J. B. A. A. fours, which won more than local renown in aquatic circles, he has been with the crew on all the great occasions at home and abroad for several years, including the trip to take part in the great Canadian regatta at Winnipeg. A model soldier, he was one of the two chosen to represent Victoria on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee celebration. On these and similar occasions poor "Billy" endeared himself to his associates in a manner they will never forget. He was the heart and soul of the company—forgetting himself completely for the comfort and pleasure of his comrades.

Sergeant Scott was among those on the street car which took the fatal plunge in the cruel waters of the Arm on the occasion of the never-to-be-forgotten Point Ellice bridge disaster, and his action there stamped him as a hero of the first grade. He was in company with a young lady companion when the dreadful accident occurred, and made desperate and gallant though unavailing attempts to save her, diving repeatedly in the hope of effecting a rescue. But he succeeded in saving three or four lives by his heroism. A peculiar pathetic feature of the sudden cutting-off of young Scott is the fact that he was to have been married in a few months to a most estimable young lady, Miss Emily Ray, an employee of the Colonist Publishing Co., in which office he also was employed, in the bindery department, up to his departure for the scene of the war. The dread tidings reached his promised bride yesterday morning without warning, a sudden and awful shock. The heartfelt sympathy of the whole community will be extended to her in her great sorrow.

Letters from the Canadian contingent since it arrived at South Africa all tell of Scott's great popularity. He endeared himself to everyone with whom he came in contact by his genial good nature; and it is safe to say that nowhere will regret for his death be more keen than among the members of his own regiment.

ARTHUR MAUNDRELL—Private Maundrell was not very well known to Victorians, having only resided in the city for a short period. He was a native of Winnipeg, where it is understood his parents still reside. He formerly belonged to the 35th Battalion. Maundrell came to Victoria with the Main circus and last June entered the employ of R. Bray, the Johnson street livery man. He was about 22 years of age.

J. H. SOMEIS—Private Somers, a native of Ontario, was about 25 years of age, and lived with his parents at Gordon street. He had been employed for some time previous to his departure at the Vancouver bakery and at carpenter work. He was a member of No. 2 Company and very popular among his acquaintances. The remaining members of the family consist of his father, three brothers and a sister, and all are treated with grief, the aged father being particularly depressed with the sad news.

JOHN TODD—Another of the quartette from Victoria who lies cold in death on the African veldt, is John Todd, who was about 25 years of age and a splendid specimen of manhood. He came here a few years ago from San Francisco and attended school for some time, many Victoria boys remembering him as a comrade. Returning to San Francisco previous to the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, he enlisted with the U. S. forces and went with K. Troop, U. S. Cavalry, to the Philippines, where he saw considerable service. He returned from the Orient in October last, and coming to Victoria three days before the departure of the first Victoria contingent, enlisted in the service of the Queen, being accepted after some hesitation by Col. Peters, owing to the suspicion that he was not a British subject.

THE WOUNDED.

Five Victorians Who Have Felt the Force of Boer Bullets.

Those of the Victoria contingent who were wounded in the engagement which cut off four of their comrades from this city were R. W. J. Leeman, Frank Finch-Smiles, J. H. Dixon, Henry J. D. Andrews, and Alex C. Beech.

Frank Finch-Smiles is the best known locally among the wounded men. He is an eloquentist of more than ordinary ability and has delighted Victorian audiences on numerous occasions. He is an Englishman, about 35 years of age, and has had some previous experience with the volunteer force in the Old Country.

Ralph W. J. Leeman was born in Olympia, Wash., and for sixteen years ever since he has made his home in this city, where he is married. He is a resident at 17 North Park street. He was an active member of the Fifth regiment and conspicuous in all athletic exercises.

Joseph H. Dixon is a native of Christchurch, N.Z., but bred and educated in Auckland, where his family resided. There he received his military drill at the Auckland Collegiate Institute.

Henry J. D. Andrews is also from Auckland, N.Z., his father having been an officer in the colonial defence forces of that country.

Alex C. Beech is a native of Staffordshire, and resided in Victoria two years previous to his departure for the front, during which time he was engaged as a teacher of dancing. He has seen fighting before in South Africa, serving with the volunteers in the Matabele campaign. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war he enlisted in Troop A of the Fourth Cavalry, but was not sent to the front.

IN TOKEN OF RESPECT.

Legislature Adjourns in Sympathy With Relatives of Heroic Dead.

In the legislature the news from the distant battlefield aroused strangely conflicting emotions, which were not, however, contradictory. The glorious tidings of the advance of the British colors, the rumors that relief at last had reached beleaguered Ladysmith, and the reiterated report received by way of Berlin that Cronje and his troops had been surrounded and were practically at the mercy of the Queen's brigades naturally aroused the patriotic subjects of Her Majesty.

It was, however, an enthusiasm that found little demonstration, for jubilation was tinged with and subordinated by sadness and sympathy for those in Victoria and Vancouver who had given their young manhood to the making of the nation's victories, and whose dead have found soldiers' burial under the African stars. Never before had the full meaning of war been so sternly accentuated and brought home to British Columbians. Politics and the machinations of politicians were for the time forgotten in mourning for the heroic dead whose lives must constitute the price of martial victory.

The house having been formally opened with prayers by Rev. Dr. Campbell.

Premier Semlin rose in his place and moved that the house at its rising do stand adjourned "until 2 o'clock to-morrow."

The motion was at once agreed to. Then, rising a second time amidst the impressive silence of the house and crowded galleries, Hon. Mr. Semlin announced the sad news to Victorians of the loss of four of their young citizens by death upon the battlefield, with five others wounded, in the following words: "Mr. Speaker," he said, "it is with very great regret that I ask leave to read a communication that I have received from Mr. Christie, manager of

the telegraph office here. It is to the following effect:

Victoria, Feb. 21, 1900.

Dear Mr. Semlin—The Canadians were in a fight on Sunday at Modder River. Four Victorians are dead: W. I. Scott, A. Maundrell, John Somers and John Todd. The wounded Victorians are: J. H. Dixon, Frank Finch-Smiles and Ralph W. J. Leeman. I give you this information in case you should wish to adjourn the house.

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM CHRISTIE.

"Now, Mr. Speaker," continued Hon. Mr. Semlin, "before going further I should like to express the regret I presume we all feel at the news which has thus been conveyed to us. Of course, our men all went to South Africa expecting to incur danger, and when they met the enemy in battle they upheld their valor at the expense of their lives. The battle has no doubt been a severe one, and I presume the Canadians who were in that battle conducted themselves with courage and fortitude. It is just a question whether this house should adjourn out of respect to the memory of those young men who gave their lives to the Empire. I make the suggestion without making the formal motion in order that I may hear from honorable gentlemen opposite."

"Hear, hear," said a number of the members of the opposition.

Mr. Turner rose as the Premier resumed his seat and said:

"I am very glad that the leader of the government has taken up this matter, as it comes home so seriously to this far distant part of Her Majesty's dominions. I think, sir, that we might well move that the house adjourn until to-morrow out of respect to the memory of these men. I say this, sir, for this reason: It is true that these men went out to Africa from here and came to Victoria three days before the departure of the first Victoria contingent, enlisted in the service of the Queen, being accepted after some hesitation by Col. Peters, owing to the suspicion that he was not a British subject."

"I think, sir, that we are altogether in a different position. We are a comparatively small family here in Victoria, a long way removed from the centre of the Empire, and this loss has been brought home to us very strongly. It seems only the other day that these men were going out in health and strength and high spirits to the war; and now, out of twenty-five who went from Victoria, 40 per cent. have been rendered being killed. Now, I think it is very doubtful if any other portion of Her Majesty's dominions has experienced so heavy a proportionate loss. If this was a very large city, of course it would not be brought home to us so much, but we know these men, we know their families amongst us, and it has been so impressed on my mind by the fact that this sudden news has come of the sweeping away of nearly half of the contingent that went from this city. I think, taking that into consideration, sir, and out of respect to their memory, and out of respect to their families, it would be well if this house would adjourn until 2 o'clock to-morrow, and I hope that the leader of the government will move that adjournment."

"I think, sir, we should adjourn to the relatives and friends of the deceased and of the wounded our sincere sympathy for their losses, and for the sacrifices that have been made by them. I trust, sir, that the leader of the government will move the adjournment, or that one of the honorable gentlemen sitting on the other side of the house will move the adjournment, and I shall feel it my duty to second it."

(Cheers.)

Hon. Mr. Semlin—"After what has passed, I beg to move that this house do now adjourn."

The motion carried immediately, and the house rose at 2:25.

DRUM-HEAD SERVICE

In Memory of the Members of the Fifth Regiment.

The various members of the Fifth Regiment feel very keenly the loss of their comrades, and a drum-head memorial service will be held on Sunday afternoon next at the Drill hall, Lieut. Col. Gregory having issued the following regimental order:

Regimental Headquarters, "Victoria, Feb. 21, 1900.

"The regiment will parade at the Drill hall on Sunday, the 26th inst., at 2:50 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of holding a drum-head service in memory of the members of the regiment who have recently met death while serving their Queen and country in South Africa."

"The parade will be taken over at 3 o'clock, and the service will be conducted by the Rev. C. Ensor Sharpe, honorary chaplain to Fifth Regiment, Canadian Artillery."

"Staff and band will attend. Dress—Church parade order. By order."

(Sd.) "R. H. POOLBY, "Acting Adjutant."

THE NEWS IN THE CITY.

Some Incidents Connected With the Receipt of the Ill-Tidings.

One of the noticeable features connected with the demonstrations of grief yesterday by the citizens was the lowering to half-mast of "Old Glory" on the United States consulate, under instructions from United States Consul Smith, this international tribute to the civic feeling being much appreciated.

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